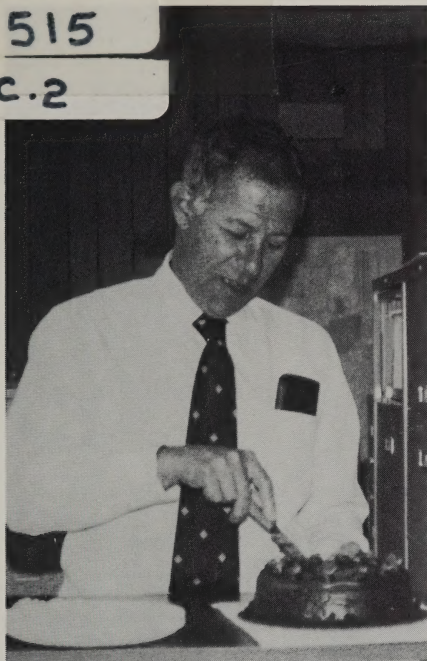


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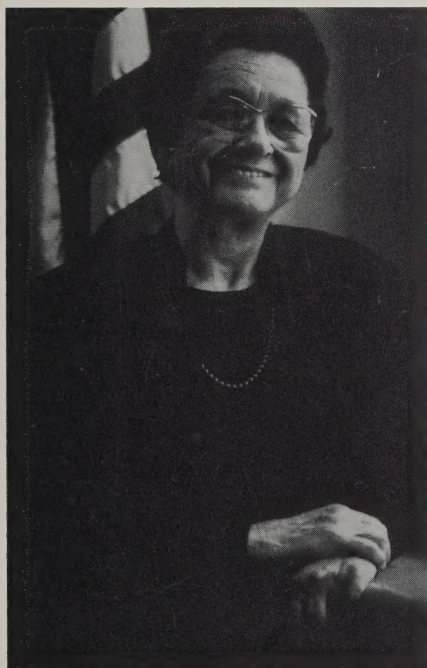
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Russell V. Abbate 1976-1991, retired




Marion M. Sortevik 1970-1991, retired



Barbara H. Landry 1955-1991, retired

# Amherst New Hampshire 1991 Town Report



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of the  
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of  
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for the year ending  
December 31, 1991**

**and**

**Financial Records  
for the fiscal year ending  
June 30, 1991**

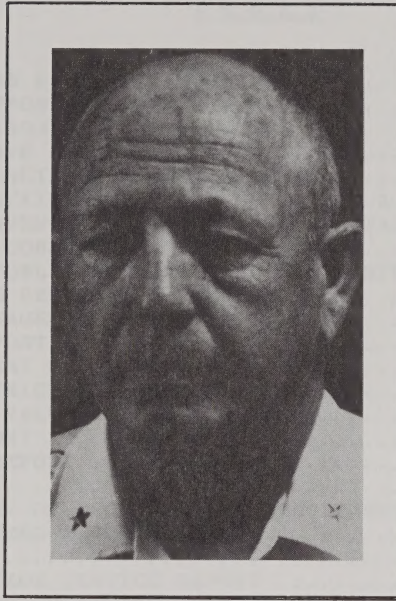
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THE 1991 TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO  
THE MEMORY OF JOHN T. OSBORN, JR.

The Town of Amherst's Police Department enjoys a reputation for professionalism and excellence around the State of New Hampshire which is clearly disproportional to the size of the community and the number of personnel in the Department. This reputation, while well-deserved and clearly a benefit to the taxpayers of this community, is also the proud legacy of the individual to whom this Annual Report is dedicated.

John T. Osborn, Jr. ("The Chief") came to Amherst as a patrolman in 1971 without any experience as a police officer. However, he had previously spent over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force where he had risen to one of the highest ranks available to a non-commissioned officer (Senior Master Sergeant). The skills he had gained in his tenure in the military soon appeared in his efforts as a police officer and John ultimately became Chief in 1975 when the Department had a total of approximately seven employees.

John joined the Department in its infancy and presided over its evolution to adulthood with a manner and style that made him one of the most successful and popular chiefs in the State. Everyone who knew him recalls him with superlatives regarding his efficiency, organizational skills and professionalism. However, those who knew him best would know that if he were writing this tribute, he would probably want to be remembered as someone who always "...told it like it was ..." and who would spare no effort to see that the people who touched his life were treated with justice and sincerity.

John was not ebullient and no one could accuse him of having an abundance of tact; but when you dealt with him, you knew he was listening and that he cared which is a rare and precious quality in a person in the public eye. He will be missed.

... William R. Drescher ...



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SELECTMEN

Marilyn Peterman, Chairman	Term Expires 1994
William Overholt	Term Expires 1992
Stephen Stepanek	Term Expires 1992
Richard Verrochi	Term Expires 1993
Randall Bragdon	Term Expires 1994

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Dana G. Crowell  
Barbara H. Landry, Retired

TAX COLLECTOR

Patricia E. Duval, Term Expires 1992

TOWN CLERK

Nancy A. Demers, Term Expires 1993

TREASURER

Elizabeth Overholt, Term Expires 1994

MODERATOR

Robert Schaumann, Term Expires 1992

TOWN COUNSEL

William R. Drescher, Esquire

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard G. Crocker

POLICE CHIEF

Gary D. MacGuire

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mary Ann List

WELFARE OFFICER

Sharon L. Frydlo

ASSESSOR

Edward Elcik

ACCOUNTANT

Phyllis M. Hussey

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Michael Beliveau

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Thomas E. Ursia II, Zoning/Planning Administrator  
Edward Bourbeau, Building Inspector  
Gerry Castonguay, Electricial Inspector  
Russell V. Abbate, Retired

HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. James Starke

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Bachman, Chief  
Richard E. Crocker, Fire Ward  
Thomas Grella, Sr., Fire Ward  
David Herlihy, Retired

#### RESCUE SQUAD

Marcia Houck, Chief  
Garret Cowenhoven, Retired

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

Steven Bair, Director  
Donald Holden, Deputy Director  
Thomas Grella, Sr., Retired

#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Edith Noble, Term Expires 1994  
Cynthia Kennedy, Term Expires 1992  
Geraldine Porter, Term Expires 1996

#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Bergin, Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Eleanor Fellows	Term Expires 1993
Alexander Buchanan	Term Expires 1993
David Chen	Term Expires 1994
Douglas Kirkwood	Term Expires 1994
Rod O'Reilly, Alternate	Term Expires 1993
Linda Lonneman, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Edward Annis, Alternate	Term Expires 1994

#### PLANNING BOARD

George Bower, Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Roger Smith	Term Expires 1993
John Bowkett	Term Expires 1992
Cynthia Dokmo	Term Expires 1993
Charles Tiedemann	Term Expires 1994
Sally Wilkins	Term Expires 1994
James Kuhnert, Alternate	Term Expires 1993
Linda Kaiser, Alternate	Term Expires 1994
Ralph Cataldo, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Stephen Stepanek, Ex-Officio	
Betty Arnold, Resigned	

#### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Carolyn Quinn, Chairman	Term Expires 1993
Barbara Berlack	Term Expires 1993
Norma Haley	Term Expires 1992
Rolf Biggers	Term Expires 1994
William Donovan	Term Expires 1994
James Emmond, Alternate	Term Expires 1993
Susan Teeple, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Randall Bragdon, Ex-Officio	
Charles Tiedemann, Planning Board Rep.	

# TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Stephen Mantius, Chairman	Term Expires 1994
Robert Jackson	Term Expires 1992
Eleanor Fellows	Term Expires 1993

# LIBRARY TRUSTEES

John Moorhouse, Co-Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Ann Morse, Co-Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Peter Somssich	Term Expires 1992
Suzanne Blakeman	Term Expires 1993
Donald Holden	Term Expires 1993
Anne O'Brien	Term Expires 1994
Harold Struss	Term Expires 1994

# CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Stephen Mantius, Chairman  
Richard Verrochi  
Robert Crouter

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Johanna Kaufman, Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Howard Parkhurst	Term Expires 1992
John Harvey	Term Expires 1992
Richard Hart	Term Expires 1993
Thorton Stearns	Term Expires 1994
Milton Boyd	Term Expires 1994
Jan Woodbury, Alternate	Term Expires 1994
Tom Wilkins, Alternate	Term Expires 1994
Bruce Beckley, Alternate	Term Expires 1993
Richard Sherwood, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Stephen Stepanek, Ex-Officio	

# RECREATION COMMISSION

Matthew Eaton, Chairman	Term Expires 1994
Mary Ann Sidebothom	Term Expires 1994
Donald Smallwood	Term Expires 1992
Susan McCarthy	Term Expires 1992
Dennis Biedrzycki	Term Expires 1993
Marjorie Huckabee, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Ethel Robertson, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Renee Johnson, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Daniel Rondeau, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Thomas Wilson, Alternate	Term Expires 1993
Veronica McNallen, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
John Crowley, Alternate	Term Expires 1994
Randall Bragdon, Ex-Officio	

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Gary MacGuire, Police Chief  
Richard Crocker, Dir. of Public Works  
John Bachman, Fire Chief  
Richard Lalley, Superintendent of Schools  
Marcia Houck, Rescue Squad Chief  
Steven Bair, Director EMO

## ROAD COMMISSION

Christopher Kaiser	Term Expires 1992
George Bower	Term Expires 1993
Joe Deluca	Term Expires 1994

## NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Martin Michaelis	Term Expires 1993
Norman Katz	Term Expires 1994
Adrienne Hutchison, Alternate	Term Expires 1992
Douglas Kirkwood, Alternate	Term Expires 1992

## SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

Thomas Clark, Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Peter Somssich	Term Expires 1992

## SEWER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Sommers, Chairman  
Stephen Stepanek, Selectman  
Randall Bragdon, Selectman  
Cynthia Dokmo  
Scott Sutherland  
Dean Jackson  
Norman Katz  
John Gleason

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Jean Pituck, Chairman	John Sopka
Judith O'Keefe	Richard Newbert
Sandra Lafleur	Christy Day
Susan Masket	Steve Morgan
Carol Blank	Darlene Wasilewski
Sally Wilkins	Jack Keiper
Joan Shildneck	Joel Hungerford
Susan Stitt	Valerie Hungerford
Chris Shenk	Lynnette Fletcher

## TREE COMMITTEE

Janet Sherwood, Chairman	Term Expires 1992
Barbara Berlack	Term Expires 1993
Ruth McGrath	Term Expires 1994

## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

Roger Topliffe, Chairman  
Douglas Heaton  
Thomas Head

## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Richard Sherwood, Co-Chairman	Beverly Morshed
Wally Baird, Co-Chairman	Barry Sinclair
William Belvin	Geraldine Porter
Tom Rodgers	Stephen Coughlan
Julius Lempner	Robert Grassett, Alt.
Jeff Coffler	Joseph Visinski, Alt.
Dorothy Meinhold	



MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Ann Bergin, Chairman  
Leonard Twiss  
Chris Whittaker  
Robert Schaumann  
Peter Bergin

JULY 4TH COMMITTEE

Ann Bergin, Chairman  
Louise Marley  
Bob Marley  
Jackie Bower  
Peter Bergin  
Linda Fordham  
Bob Schaumann  
Judy Lipkin

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Nancy Tarpley Bamberger  
Garret Cowenhoven  
Carol Holden  
Elizabeth Lown

MEMBER OF THE SENATE

Sheila Roberge

AMHERST  
TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire  
March 10, 1992

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School.

Voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be at the polls.

Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting held at 7:00 p.m., March 12 and 13 at the Middle School.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on Boston Post Road, Village on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1992 at 7:00 a.m. for the choice of Town Officers elected by official ballot and such action required to be inserted on said official ballot (Articles 1 and 2).

The polls will open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will close not earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held at the Middle School on Cross Road, Amherst on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on those matters not to be voted on by official ballot (Articles 3 through 15).

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Material underlined is to be added.

Amendment 1. Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

Amendment 2.

Ordinance Location: Permitted Uses In: Section 4-3, Residential Zone; Section 4-4, Rural Zone; Section 4-5, Northern Rural Zone; Section 4-7, Commercial Zone; Section 4-8, Limited Commercial; Section 4-17, Northern Transitional.

Delete: Corresponding paragraphs in each zone listed above.

Add: All family day care home facilities are subject to compliance with all current licensing procedures and all applicable health/safety ordinances for the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Amherst. Family day care facilities are regulated by RSA 170-E:1, 170-E:2, 204-C:72, 161-G:4 and all other applicable State laws.

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to bring family day care regulations in conformity with new State of New Hampshire laws? (A new definition change would be to the following zones: Residential, Rural, Northern Rural, Commercial, Limited Commercial, and Northern Transitional.)

YES

NO

Amendment 3.

Ordinance Location: Section 5-2 (Standards Applicable to All Special Exceptions under Article V)

Delete: Existing paragraph under Section 5-2.

Add: New Section 5-2 (A) (B) and (C) as follows:

Section 5-2 (A) CONDITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Before the Board of Adjustment considers the approval of an application for a special exception, the applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Adjustment that all the following conditions have been met:

1. That the property in question is in conformance with the dimensional requirements of the zone and that the use is compatible with the Amherst Master Plan.

2. That there is safe vehicular and pedestrian access to and from the site.

3. That there will be no significant adverse impacts resulting from the proposed use upon the public health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and of the Town of Amherst.

4. That the proposed use will not be more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration, or inappropriate lighting than the existing use of the property.

5. That the applicant describe in writing and on a scaled drawing, the location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of operations involved, the tract size, parking areas and other physical land features of the site in question.

6. That the proposed use will not adversely affect the groundwater resources of Amherst, in particular the Aquifer Conservation District as defined in Section A-13 of the Amherst Zoning Ordinance.

Responses to each of the above conditions shall be provided in writing on forms available in the Amherst Zoning/Planning Office.

The Board of Adjustment may seek additional recommendations of the Amherst Planning Board. The applicant shall file a Non-Residential Site Plan Review application in accordance with Section "C" of the Amherst Zoning Ordinance with the Amherst Planning Board.

#### Section 5-2 (B) CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The Board of Adjustment may attach such conditions to its approval as are reasonable, necessary and appropriate. All special exception users are hereby declared to have special characteristics that shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. To ensure compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance, such conditions shall not conflict with the review and approval of the Planning Board.

#### Section 5-2 (C) LIMITS ON A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

1. Substantial construction, or occupancy if no construction is involved, must commence within one (1) year of the Board of Adjustment approval of the special exception. If construction or occupancy is not commenced within this period, the special exception approval is declared null and void.

#### BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 5-2 by creating a definitive procedure and a specific set of conditions for the review of all special exception cases.

YES

NO

Amendment 4.

Ordinance Location: Section 4-7 Commercial Zone (C).

Delete: Sub-Section C.1.

Add: New C.1 a) 1-3 and C.1 b).

C. 1.a) Each new structure shall be set back either fifty (50) or one hundred (100) feet from the public road right-of-way of New Hampshire Route 101A. (3-14-89), (3-10-92).



1) The fifty (50) foot option requires that a natural vegetation of landscaped area only shall exist between the structure and the highway with the exception of driveways, permitted signs, subsurface disposal systems and other underground infrastructure. (3-14-89), (3-10-92)

2) The one hundred (100) foot option allows parking areas to the front of the structure, which parking areas shall be set back a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the edge of the highway right-of-way. (3-14-89)

3) Any permitted enlargement of pre-existing structures shall be beyond the fifty (50) foot setback line. (3-14-89)

C. 1.b) Each new structure shall be set back fifty (50) feet from the edge of the public road right-of-way on all other roads within the Commercial Zone. (3-10-92)

#### BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to create uniformity and consistency in the setback requirements for commercially developed lots on the Route 101A corridor? This change also excludes driveways, permitted signs, subsurface disposal systems and other underground infrastructure from the landscaped area requirement.

YES

NO

Amendment 5.

Ordinance Location: Article IX Definitions (Section 9-1)

Delete: Existing two paragraphs defining home occupations.

Add: Home Occupation. Rural, Northern Rural, Northern Transitional Zones. An accessory use incidental and subordinate to the dwelling use, occupying no more than twenty percent (20%) of the gross floor area, provided that such use would not change the residential character of the dwelling. A home occupation may employ not more than two non-residents. It may display a non-illuminated sign not to exceed six square feet in size, and utilize indoor storage of equipment or supplies in the dwelling or accessory buildings thereto. There shall be no emission of dust, fumes, smoke, noise or vibration across the lot line. (As amended 3-2-80, 11-2-82, 3-10-92).

Home Occupation. Residential Zone. Any use conducted entirely within a dwelling and occupying no more than ten percent (10%) of the gross floor area and carried on only by the occupants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes and does not change the residential character thereof, and in connection with which there is no display, no sign, no outside storage of equipment, machinery or materials, and no

outside persons are engaged in such home occupation, so long as said Residential Zone Home Occupation does not create a nuisance or traffic hazard and meets all other criteria. (As amended 3-11-80, 11-2-82, 3-10-92).

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to correct inconsistent requirements for home occupations as permitted uses in the Rural, Northern Rural, Northern Transitional and Residential Zones?

YES

NO

Amendment 6.

Ordinance Location: Section 8-5, Affordable Housing

Delete: The value of adjacent properties will not be adversely affected and

Change: Under the sub-section labeled "Identification of Suitable Project", change paragraph 1. to read: "The project shall be constructed in a manner that is harmonious with neighboring developments, housing, and natural surroundings."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to amend a provision for the identification of a suitable affordable housing project by deleting the words "The value of adjacent properties will not be adversely affected and"?

YES

NO

Amendment 7.

Ordinance Location: Section 3-4 Signs

Changes to this Section of the existing Zoning Ordinance are found on pages A4, A5, A8, A9, A11, A12 and A13.

I. DEFINITIONS

Business Sign District: Shall include the Industrial, Commercial and Limited Commercial Zones in the Town of Amherst [add] and shall include those lots in the General Office Zone with frontage on N.H. Route 101A.

General Sign District: Shall include the General Office [add] (except for those lots included in the Business Sign District), Residential, Rural, Northern Transitional and Northern Rural Zones in the Town of Amherst.

Sign Surface Area: The entire area within ...to form an integral background for display [delete] Both faces of a double-faced sign shall be included as surface or area of

such a sign. [add] Only one face of a double-faced, free-standing sign shall be included as surface or area of such a sign.

### III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### D. Prohibitions

4. No sign shall consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices, [add] except Open Flags as described in IV C.

[add] 9. No portable signs shall be allowed in any district.

### IV. SIGN STANDARDS

#### B. Permanent Signs

##### 5. Wall Signs

[add] d. Wall signs may be mounted on roofs or eaves as long as they are mounted no more than five (5) feet up from the eave, provided that the sign height shall not exceed 15 feet when measured from the highest part of the sign to the ground directly below.

#### [add] C. Open Flags

a. In the Business Sign District, one non-illuminated "OPEN" flag may be displayed for each separate business unit, in connection with commercial promotion. No name, logo or lettering other than the word "OPEN" may be displayed on such signs. OPEN Flags may be displayed only during business hours and must be displayed at the building entrance. OPEN Flags shall be no more than three (3) feet in height and six (6) feet in length. Flag colors are limited to standard, non-fluorescent red, white and blue.

b. Surface area of OPEN Flags shall not be deducted from the total cumulative area of signs permitted on the lot.

c. No permit shall be required for an OPEN Flag.

### V. EXISTING SIGNS

#### A. Non-Conforming Signs

1. A non-conforming sign shall not be enlarged or replaced by another [add] more non-conforming sign.

[delete] 2. Any maintenance, repair or alterations ...

[add] 2. No non-conforming sign shall be permitted within a development under a sign masterplan.

### VII. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

A. 3. All signs, including wall-mounted and projecting signs, shall be securely anchored and [add] (except for OPEN Flags provided for in III. C.) shall not spin or move in any

manner.

## VII. DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR A SIGN MASTERPLAN

[add paragraph two] The development of a sign masterplan shall be governed by the specifications of this section and generally reflect the requirements of the applicable sign district. Application of the sign masterplanning provisions should not detract from the rural character which the Town, through its adopted Master Plan, has expressed a strong desire to maintain.

### BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as prepared by the Planning Board for the Amherst Zoning Ordinance to modify portions of the existing Section 3-4, Signs. More specifically, the sub-sections dealing with definitions, sign surface areas, prohibitions, permanent wall signs, "OPEN" flags, non-conforming signs, and design guidelines for a sign masterplan are proposed to be modified.

YES

NO

### Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

### Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make application for, receive and expend in the name of the Town, such advances, grants, aids or other funds as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U.S. Government, the State of New Hampshire or from any other State or private agency, organization, or person including the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program (RSA 221A) or take action relative thereto.

### Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, money from the State, Federal, or other government unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year or take action relative thereto.

### Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agent or take action relative thereto.



Article 7.

To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the terms and conditions of the three year contract negotiated by the Board of Selectmen and the Amherst Police Union or take action relative thereto.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000, which will be the second installment of three, to pay the Town's share of the State's upgrade of Route 122 at the Merrimack Road or take action relative thereto.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 for the paving of Pinnacle Road, Lord Jeffrey Drive, side streets at Baboosic Lake and Col. Wilkins Road or take action relative thereto.

Article 11.

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$147,000 for ambulance replacement to be purchased immediately following Town Meeting and to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal From Capital Reserve \$147,000

Raised by Taxation -0-

or take action relative thereto.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,732 for the cost of fire protection services in the southern section of Amherst. This appropriation would be contingent upon Pennichuck Water Works assuming the Amherst franchise area of Southern New Hampshire Water or take action relative thereto

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money equal to 50% of the current use recovery money billed by March 1, 1992 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose of land purchase by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

Article 14.

To see if the To will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey property received by tax deed by sealed bid, public auction or take action relative thereto.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to subdivide the Bertha Rogers' Estate into a house lot of appropriate size and to further authorize the Board to sell the house, at an appropriate time and price based on the economy or such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate or take action relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February 1992

MARILYN PETERMAN  
RANDALL BRAGDON  
WILLIAM OVERHOLT  
STEPHEN STEPANEK  
RICHARD VERROCHI

A true copy of Warrant - Attest

MARILYN PETERMAN  
RANDALL BRAGDON  
WILLIAM OVERHOLT  
STEPHEN STEPANEK  
RICHARD VERROCHI

Acct. No.	PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)		EXPENDED 1990-91	BUDGET 1991-92	PROPOSED 1992-93
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	BUDGET 1990-91			
4130	Executive	216,096	203,294	234,371	216,395
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	6,730	5,764	3,400	4,740
4150	Financial Administration	79,885	98,252	68,690	79,142
4152	Revaluation of Property	61,779	61,778	71,416	109,815
4153	Legal Expense	45,000	66,735	60,000	57,000
4155	Employee Benefits	115,273	121,922	133,799	141,140
4191	Planning and Zoning	119,086	114,394	106,164	110,561
4194	General Government Building	73,614	77,517	79,548	78,920
4195	Maps, Trees, Conservation	4,200	2,341	2,925	2,523
4196	Insurance	372,114	370,876	380,711	397,003
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations				
—	Trust Fund Management	4,500	0	0	0
—	Contingency	30,000	11,012	30,000	30,000
4199	Other General Government				
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210	Police	571,911	576,029	588,090	606,844
4215	Ambulance	23,825	23,638	24,168	24,168
4220	Fire	138,575	131,998	125,679	123,595
—	Police Special	30,000	14,556	25,000	25,000
—	Emergency Management	2,715	3,196	2,700	2,700
—					
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
4312	Highways and Streets	711,244	678,320	714,203	724,008
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	14,800	16,064	17,876	17,876
—					
—					
	SANITATION				
4323	Solid Waste Collection	81,048	67,377	61,140	63,547
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	589,097	491,044	392,991	337,162
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—					
—					
—					
	WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT				
4332	Water Services				
4335	Water Treatment				
—	Hydrant Rental	7,550	7,600	7,600	7,600
—					
—					
	HEALTH				
4414	Pest Control	10,649	9,738	10,742	10,563
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	16,695	13,660	17,244	18,212
—	Health Officer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
—					
—					
—					
	WELFARE				
4442	Direct Assistance	53,000	115,746	98,000	55,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments				
—					
—					
—					
	Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)	3,380,886	3,284,351	3,257,957	3,245,014

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SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Acct. No.	BUDGET 1990-91	INCOME 1990-91	BUDGET 1991-92	PROPOSED 1992-93
<b>TAXES</b>				
3120 Land Use Change Taxes				
3180 Resident Taxes				
3185 Yield Taxes	0	5,264	0	0
3189 Other Taxes	90,000	265,221	95,000	120,000
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes				
— Inventory Penalties				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>				
3210 Business Licenses and Permits	20,700	28,645	11,325	25,000
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	850,000	801,538	777,500	770,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees Dog	4,500	5,018	3,000	3,000
<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
3319 Other				
<b>FROM STATE</b>				
3351 Shared Revenue	105,507	105,507	101,945	101,793
3353 Highway Block Grant	156,964	151,972	158,819	159,200
3354 Water Pollution Grants				
3356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357 Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359 Other				
<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT</b>				
3379 Intergovernmental Revenues	1,239	3,233	395	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
3401 Income from Departments	223,300	271,665	168,085	244,718
3409 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	8,000	21,809	8,000	8,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
3501 Rental Income	8,800	8,075	8,600	8,300
3502 Interest on Investments	180,000	235,482	100,000	200,000
3509 Other Boat Registrations	7,000	15,792	4,000	4,000
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>				
3914 Capital Reserve Fund	185,000	234,010	0	147,000
—				
—				
3915 Enterprise Fund				
— Sewer				
— Water				
— Electric				
3916 Trust and Agency Funds	15,026	0	15,000	0
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
3934 Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds				
— Fund Balance	78,951	78,951	727,360	100,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>1,934,987</b>	<b>2,232,182</b>	<b>2,179,229</b>	<b>1,891,511</b>
Total Appropriations			\$4,200,707	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			\$1,891,511	
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$2,309,196	
<b>BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, N.H.</b>				
<b>THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT</b>				

# INVENTORY OF VALUATION

I T E M	LAND (Items 1 A, B, C, & D) - List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic and paving)	A C R E S	19 91 ASSESSED VALUATION
	<b>BUILDING</b> (Items 2 A, B, & C) - List all the buildings		
1.	<b>VALUE OF LAND ONLY</b> - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5 & 6		
	A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)	8,579.10	\$ 319,727.
	B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-B, Eff. 5/12/90)	-----	\$ -----
	C. Residential	7,687.90	\$ 87,945,562.
	D. Commercial/Industrial	1,154.59	\$ 18,837,940.
	E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)	17,421.59	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$ 4,399,900. )		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2.	<b>VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY</b> - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5 & 6		
	A. Residential		\$ 267,097,878.
	B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 952,970.
	C. Commercial/Industrial		\$ 42,780,613.
	D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B, & C)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$ 10,377,970. )		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3.	<b>PUBLIC WATER UTILITY</b> - Privately owned water co. serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
4.	<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> - Value of all property used in production, transmission, and distribution including production machinery, land, landrights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual company in space provided on page 4. (RSA 72:8 & 72:12)	Gas	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
5.		Electric	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
6.		Oil Pipeline	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
7.		Telephone	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
8.	Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
9.	<b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS.</b> (Total of 1E, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
10.	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 (Number 5 )	\$ 15,000	\$ 75,000.
11.	Elderly Exemp. RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f, & 72:43-h (Number 54 )	\$	\$ 836,100.
12.	Physically Handicapped Exemp. RSA 72:37-a (Number 2 )	\$	\$ 240,400.
13.	Solar/Windpower Exemp. RSA 72:62 & 72:66 (Number 5 )	\$	\$ 25,500.
14.	School Din./Dormitory/Kitchen Exemp. RSA 72:23 (Number )	\$	\$
15.	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemp. RSA 72:12-a (Number )	\$	\$
16.	Wood Heating Energy System Exemp. RSA 72:69 (Number )	\$	\$
17.	<b>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS</b> (Items 10 to 16)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
18.	<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b> (Item 9 minus 17)		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column above.		MUNICIPALITY	PER RSA 362-A:6 III Amount Apportioned To SCHOOL
19.	State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land (MS-2, p. 3, line 57)	\$	\$ XXXXXXXXXX
20.	Other — From (MS-2, p. 3, line 58): Cable Television	\$ 8,000.	\$
21.	Other — From (MS-2, p. 3, line 58):	\$	\$
22.	Other — From (MS-2, p. 3, line 58):	\$	\$

# INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TOTALS	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year) (Valuation)	PRECINCT, SERVICE AREAS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION Where valuation of Precincts and/or School Districts is not identical with the town or city identify the unit of government and/or the service areas in the columnar headings and list valuations and exemptions in the same manner as on Page 2.				I T E M
		ASS'D VALUE PRCT 2	TOTALS			
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		6,159.				1A
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		-----				1B
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		8,369,541.				1C
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		192,900.				1D
\$ 107,103,229.			8,568,600.			1E
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						1F
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		25,552,680.				2A
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2B
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		441,500.				2C
\$ 310,831,461.			25,994,180.			2D
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2E
\$ 1,202,700.						3
\$ 1,029,500.						4
\$ 5,190,800.		641,300.	641,300.			5
\$						6
\$						7
\$						8
\$ 425,357,690.			35,204,080.			9
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						10
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			90,000.			11
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						12
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						13
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						14
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						15
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						16
\$ 1,177,000.						17
\$ 424,180,690.			35,114,080.			18

	TAX CREDITS	Limits	Number	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
		Unlimited		EXEMPT
23.	Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance			
24.	Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700/\$1,400	7	4,900.
25.	Other war service credits 18 @ \$100. & 635 @ \$50.	\$50/\$100	653	33,550.
26.	Other credits (wood, solar, etc.)	XXXX		
27.	TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXX	660	\$ 38,450.

INVENTORY OF VALUATION (CONTINUED) ----->



### UTILITY SUMMARY

Insert valuation of plant used in production, distribution and transmission. The total in each column should agree with the totals listed under the corresponding items on Page 2 of this report. (RSA 72:8)

### TYPES OF ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS BEING GRANTED

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT

(Item 10, page 2 may not exceed this amount)

**CONSERVATION RESTRICTION  
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPARISON INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR TAX COMPUTATION

	1988	1989	1990	1991
Net Land	\$104,816,814	\$105,760,629	\$105,889,121	\$107,103,229
Buildings	294,205,473	301,220,493	306,983,773	309,878,491
Utilities:				
Water	1,202,700	1,202,700	1,202,700	1,202,700
Gas	1,684,492	1,691,600	1,024,800	1,029,500
Electric	2,854,900	4,848,791	4,848,791	5,190,800
Mobile Homes	901,370	937,070	952,370	952,970
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$405,665,749	\$415,661,283	\$420,901,555	\$425,357,690
Physically Handicap	240,400	240,400	240,400	240,400
Elderly Exemptions	969,900	709,900	816,100	836,100
Blind	45,000	45,000	60,000	75,000
Solar	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500
	\$404,384,949	\$414,640,483	\$419,759,555	\$424,180,690

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

CITY/TOWN OF AMHERST

Due September 1

MS-4

ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)		For Use By Town (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
<b>TAXES</b>			
86	Resident Taxes		
87	National Bank Stock Taxes		
88	Yield Taxes		
89	Interest and Penalties on Taxes	95,000	
90	Inventory Penalties		
91	Land Use Change Tax		
92			
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — STATE</b>			
93	Shared Revenue — Block Grant	102,656	
94	Highway Block Grant	158,819	
95	Railroad Tax	145	
96	State Aid Water Pollution Projects		
97	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
98	State-Federal Forest Land/Recreation Land/Flood Land (MS-1, p.2, line 19)	25	
99	Other (MS-1, p.2, lines 20-22)		
100	Other Reimbursements		
101			
102			
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — FEDERAL</b>			
103			
104			
105			
106			
107			
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>			
108	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	777,500	
109	Dog Licenses	3,000	
110	Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10,000	
111	Planning Board Fees	8,650	
112			
113			
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
114	Income From Departments	115,160	
115	Rent of Town Property	8,800	
116			
117			
118			
119			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
120	Interest on Deposits	100,000	
121	Sale of Town Property	2,600	
122	Insurance	45,000	
123	Ambulance	10,000	
124			
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
125	Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes	-	
126	Income from Water and Sewer Departments	-	
127	Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	-	
128	Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts	-	
129	Income from Trust Funds	15,000	
130	Fund Balance	613,200	
131			
132			
133	<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>2,065,355</b>	

**OVERLAY**300,000(REQUIREMENT FOR THE YEAR) Date 9/9/91Diana H. Crowell

PREPARER (Please Sign in Ink)

Town Administrator

Title of Preparer

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)</b>		<b>For Use By Town (omit cents)</b>	<b>Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
1	Town Officers' Salary	73,070	
2	Town Officers' Expenses	229,991	
3	Election and Registration Expenses	3,400	
4	Cemeteries	15,085	
5	General Government Buildings	79,548	
6	Reappraisal of property	71,416	
7	Planning and Zoning	13,260; 5,250; 3,200; 84,454	106,164
8	Legal Expenses	60,000	
9	Maps & Surveys	800	
10	Contingency Fund	30,000	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
11	Police Department 588,090; 25,000	613,090	
12	Fire Department	125,679	
13	Civil Defense	2,700	
14	Communications	87,895	
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES 151,972</b>			
15	Town Maintenance 69,027; 80,869; 221,756; 37,800; 725	562,149	
16	General Highway Department Expenses	122,799	
17	Street Lighting	17,876	
<b>SANITATION</b>			
18	Solid Waste Disposal	392,991	
19	Garbage Removal	61,140	
<b>HEALTH</b>			
20	Health Department 1,500; 17,244	18,744	
21	Hospitals and Ambulances	24,168	
22	Animal Control	10,742	
23	Vital Statistics	--	
<b>WELFARE</b>			
24	General Assistance	95,000	
25	Old Age Assistance	3,000	
26	Aid to the Disabled		
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>			
27	Library	223,218	
28	Parks and Recreation 14,895; 125,758; 25,905	166,558	
29	Patriotic Purposes 3,000; 700	3,700	
30	Conservation Commission	1,400	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
31	Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	45,000	
32	Interest Expense—Long-Term Bonds & Notes	53,966	
33	Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes		
34	Interest Expense—Other Temporary Loans		
35	Fiscal Charges on Debt		
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
36	Fire Truck 50,000 Rescue Vehicle 10,000	60,000	
37	Highway Equip. & Vehicle 16,125; 20,000	36,125	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			
38	Art. 7-6,500; Art. 8-40,000; Art. 9-17,000	84,393	
39	Art. 10-15,000; Art. 11-5,393; Art. 13-500		
40	Art. 14-35,000	35,000	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
41	Municipal Water Department Hydrant Rental	7,600	
42	Municipal Sewer Department		
43	FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions 30,439; 79,173; 24,187	133,799	
44	Insurance	380,711	
45	Unemployment Compensation		
46	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,038,917</b>	



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

SOURCES OF REVENUE	For Use By Town (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
<b>TAXES</b>		
47 Resident Taxes	--	
48 National Bank Stock Taxes	--	
49 Yield Taxes	--	
50 Interest and Penalties on Taxes	108,000	
51 Inventory Penalties		
52 Land Use Change Tax		
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE</b>		
53 Shared Revenue-Block Grant	149,000	
54 Highway Block Grant	151,972	
55 Railroad Tax		
56 State Aid Water Pollution Projects		
<b>PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES:</b>		
57 State-Federal Forest Land/ Recreation Land/ Flood Land		
58 Other (MS-1, p.2, lines 20-22) <b>Payment in Lieu</b>	8,000	
59 Other Reimbursements		
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-FEDERAL</b>		
60 <b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	9,690	
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>		
61 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	842,500	
62 Dog Licenses	4,500	
63 Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	31,150	
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		
64 Income From Departments	132,683	
65 Rent of Town Property	8,800	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>	17,444	
66 Interest on Deposits	200,000	
67 <b>Insurance Income</b>	40,000	
68 <b>Ambulance</b>	15,000	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>		
69 Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes		
70 Income from Water and Sewer Departments		
71 Withdrawals from Capital Reserve		
72 Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts		
73 Income from Trust Funds		
74 Fund Balance		
75 <b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	1,718,739	

**HELP!** We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total. We hope this will expedite the tax rate process by reducing the number of inquiries from this office.

Article 7	6,500
Article 8	40,000
Article 9	17,000
Article 10	15,000
Article 11	5,393
Article 13	500
Article 14	35,000
	<b>119,393</b>

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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

134	Total Town Appropriations	+	4,033,524
135	Total Revenues and Credits	-	2,179,229
136	Net Town Appropriations	=	1,854,295
137	Net School Tax Assessment(s) Amherst-9,981,131 Souhegan-700,323	+	10,681,454
138	County Tax Assessment	+	1,111,180
139	Total of Town, School and County	=	13,646,929
140	DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	-	191,458
141	ADD War Service Credits (see page 6)	+	38,450
142	ADD Overlay	+	410,722
143	Property Taxes To Be Raised	=	13,904,643

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation		Tax Rate		Property Taxes to be Raised
\$ 424,180,690	×	32.78	=	\$ 13,904,643
\$	×		=	\$
\$	×		=	\$
Total Property Taxes to be Raised				\$

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

A	Property Taxes to be Raised	
B	Gross Precinct and/or Service Areas Taxes (See page 6)	
C	Total (a + b)	
D	Less War Service Credits	
E	Total Tax Commitment	

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

TAX RATES	Net Appropriation	Less BPT	Approved Taxes To Be Raised	Approved Tax Rate 1991	Prior Year Tax Rate 1990
Town	2,303,467	(16,274)	2,287,193	5.39	6.47
County	1,111,180	(9,190)	1,101,990	2.60	2.69
Amherst Sch. Dist.	9,981,131	(165,994)	9,815,137	23.14	22.93
Souhegan Co-Op	700,323		700,323	1.65	1.09
	14,096,101	(191,458)	13,904,643	32.78	33.18

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX IS COMPUTED (line 17 From MS-1) \$ 424,180,690

Date October 9, 1991

By: Stanley R. Arnold, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1990-91	Granted By DBA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1991-92	Granted By DBA	Proposed 1992-93
<b>Local Taxes</b>								
Interest on Taxes	\$85,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$85,221.12	\$175,221.12	\$0.00	\$108,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$120,000.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,264.40	\$5,264.40	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Property Taxes-Added	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			
<b>Intergovernmental</b>								
Shared Revenue	\$110,000.00	\$105,507.00	\$105,507.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$149,000.00	\$101,945.00	\$101,793.00
Highway Subsidy	\$156,964.00	\$156,964.00	\$151,971.93	\$0.00	(\$4,992.07)	\$151,972.00	\$158,819.00	\$159,200.00
Payment in Lieu	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$21,808.97	\$13,808.97	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
CD Grant	\$657.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$125.00	\$239.00	\$233.37	\$0.00	(\$5.63)	\$9,690.00	\$395.00	\$0.00
<b>Town Clerk Revenue</b>								
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$900,000.00	\$850,000.00	\$801,538.00	\$0.00	(\$48,462.00)	\$842,500.00	\$777,500.00	\$770,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,017.50	\$517.50	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Boat Registrations	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,782.02	\$8,782.02	\$0.00	\$6,150.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
State Fees	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$19,631.50	\$4,631.50	\$0.00	\$21,000.00	\$11,325.00	\$21,000.00
Other Income	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$9,013.79	\$3,313.79	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
<b>Income From Departments</b>								
Zoning & Planning	\$50,100.00	\$50,100.00	\$27,810.96	\$0.00	(\$22,289.04)	\$13,800.00	\$8,650.00	\$14,000.00
Police	\$39,800.00	\$39,800.00	\$26,733.69	\$0.00	(\$13,066.31)	\$37,200.00	\$26,100.00	\$34,000.00
Recreation	\$33,300.00	\$33,300.00	\$35,368.91	\$2,068.91	\$0.00	\$40,025.00	\$33,025.00	\$44,895.00
Babooic	\$21,380.00	\$21,300.00	\$35,943.78	\$14,643.78	\$0.00	\$19,150.00	\$15,656.00	\$21,150.00
Adult Education	\$21,200.00	\$21,200.00	\$14,448.65	\$0.00	(\$6,751.35)	\$18,188.00	\$14,694.00	\$14,023.00
Rent of Property	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00	\$8,075.00	\$0.00	(\$725.00)	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00
Income From Trust	\$15,026.00	\$15,026.00		\$0.00	(\$15,026.00)		\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Welfare Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,026.44	\$12,026.44	\$0.00			\$22,000.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1990-91	Granted By DRR	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1991-92	Granted By DRR	Proposed 1992-93
Income From Departments								
Town Office	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,238.82	\$1,738.82	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Highway Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399.32	\$399.32	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Mapping	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Ambulance Sale								
Sale of Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,790.00	\$2,790.00	\$0.00		\$2,600.00	\$0.00
Insurance Premium Ret.	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$81,459.94	\$41,459.94	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$72,000.00
Interest on Deposits	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$235,482.22	\$55,482.22	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
Ambulance	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,010.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
Fire Department	\$3,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,914.50	\$1,914.50	\$0.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00
July 4th	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Environmental Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,427.43	\$4,427.43	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Withdrawal Capital Res.	\$0.00	\$185,000.00	\$234,010.66	\$49,010.66	\$0.00	\$17,444.00	\$0.00	\$147,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,090.06	\$9,090.06	\$0.00		\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00
Surplus Used	\$0.00	\$78,951.00	\$78,951.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$727,360.00	\$100,000.00
Total	\$1,723,502.00	\$1,934,987.00	\$2,232,182.98	\$408,613.38 (\$111,417.40)	\$0.00 (\$111,417.40)	\$1,718,739.00	\$2,179,229.00	\$1,891,511.00
				\$257,195.98				



## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1990-91	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
<b>General Government:</b>								
Town Officers Salaries	\$80,372.00		\$80,372.00	\$81,400.36	\$0.00	\$1,028.36	\$73,070.00	\$76,276.00
Town Office Expense	\$215,609.00	\$464.73	\$216,073.73	\$220,145.38	\$0.00	\$4,071.65	\$259,991.00	\$219,261.00
Town Buildings	\$73,614.00		\$73,614.00	\$77,517.18	\$0.00	\$3,903.18	\$79,548.00	\$78,920.00
Rogers' House	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Elections	\$6,730.00		\$6,730.00	\$5,754.02	(\$985.98)	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$4,740.00
Legal	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00	\$56,734.84	\$0.00	\$21,734.84	\$60,000.00	\$57,000.00
Insurance	\$372,114.00		\$372,114.00	\$370,875.60	(\$1,238.40)	\$0.00	\$380,711.00	\$37,003.00
Maps & Survey	\$1,750.00		\$1,750.00	\$911.20	(\$838.80)	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$600.00
Trust Fund Management	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$911.20	(\$4,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Assessing	\$61,779.00		\$61,779.00	\$61,778.27	(\$0.73)	\$0.00	\$71,416.00	\$109,815.00
Firemen Retirement			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		
Police Retirement	\$26,010.00		\$26,010.00	\$26,481.77	(\$458.23)	\$0.00	\$30,439.00	\$32,324.00
Social Security	\$69,200.00		\$69,200.00	\$77,653.81	\$0.00	\$8,453.81	\$79,173.00	\$83,598.00
Employee Retirement	\$20,063.00		\$20,063.00	\$18,786.23	(\$1,276.77)	\$0.00	\$24,187.00	\$25,218.00
Tree Committee	\$1,050.00		\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725.00	\$725.00
Conservation	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$380.00	(\$1,020.00)	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,198.00
Contingency	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$11,011.93	(\$18,988.07)	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Total	\$1,009,191.00		\$1,009,655.73	\$1,019,490.59	(\$23,356.98)	\$9,834.86	\$1,099,860.00	\$1,116,678.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>								
Police	\$571,911.00	\$3,000.00	\$574,911.00	\$576,028.61	\$0.00	\$1,117.61	\$588,090.00	\$606,844.00
Fire	\$138,575.00		\$138,575.00	\$131,998.07	(\$6,576.93)	\$0.00	\$125,679.00	\$123,595.00
Police Special Duty	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$14,555.55	(\$15,444.45)	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Animal Control	\$10,645.00		\$10,649.00	\$9,737.76	(\$911.24)	\$0.00	\$10,742.00	\$10,563.00
Emergency Management	\$2,715.00		\$2,715.00	\$3,195.92	\$0.00	\$480.92	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Ambulance	\$23,825.00		\$23,825.00	\$23,637.87	(\$187.13)	\$0.00	\$24,168.00	\$24,168.00
Hydrant Rental	\$7,550.00		\$7,550.00	\$7,600.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
Total	\$785,225.00		\$788,225.00	\$786,733.78	(\$23,119.75)	\$0.00	\$783,979.00	\$800,470.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1990-91	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
Health & Welfare:								
Health Officer	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
St. Joseph's Elderly	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.00
Souhegan Handicapped	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00
Nashua Mental Health	\$2,845.00		\$2,845.00		(\$2,845.00)	\$0.00	\$2,984.00	\$2,612.00
Wilford Counseling	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Nashua Mediation	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$560.00	(\$190.00)	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$580.00
Town Welfare	\$50,000.00		\$100,000.00	\$110,987.79	\$0.00	\$10,987.79	\$95,000.00	\$55,000.00
Old Age Assistance	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$4,757.78	\$0.00	\$1,757.78	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Juvenile Poor	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$71,195.00	\$50,000.00	\$121,195.00	\$130,905.57	(\$3,035.00)	\$9,710.57	\$116,744.00	\$74,712.00
Highway:								
General Expense	\$117,683.00	\$130.00	\$117,813.00	\$121,495.61	\$0.00	\$3,682.61	\$122,799.00	\$121,456.00
Street Lights	\$14,800.00		\$14,800.00	\$16,064.69	\$0.00	\$1,264.69	\$17,876.00	\$17,876.00
Dilling	\$68,890.00		\$68,890.00	\$62,528.28	(\$6,361.72)	\$0.00	\$69,027.00	\$68,341.00
Summer Maintenance	\$80,156.00		\$80,156.00	\$78,813.94	(\$1,342.06)	\$0.00	\$80,869.00	\$81,632.00
Winter Maintenance	\$219,209.00		\$219,209.00	\$192,954.59	(\$26,254.41)	\$0.00	\$221,756.00	\$224,508.00
Road Improvements	\$37,800.00		\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00
Parks	\$15,516.00		\$15,516.00	\$13,381.09	(\$2,134.91)	\$0.00	\$14,895.00	\$15,351.00
Cemeteries	\$15,026.00		\$15,026.00	\$14,442.79	(\$583.21)	\$0.00	\$15,085.00	\$15,710.00
Highway Subsidy	\$156,964.00		\$156,964.00	\$156,903.89	(\$60.11)	\$0.00	\$151,972.00	\$159,200.00
Landfill	\$81,048.00	\$3,432.92	\$84,480.92	\$67,376.74	(\$17,104.18)	\$0.00	\$63,547.00	\$63,547.00
Total	\$807,092.00	\$3,562.92	\$810,654.92	\$761,761.62	(\$53,840.60)	\$0.00	\$793,219.00	\$805,431.00
Recreation & Culture:								
Recreation	\$130,272.00	\$5,794.39	\$136,066.39	\$121,778.20	(\$14,288.19)	\$0.00	\$125,758.00	\$132,879.00
Babooic	\$25,570.00	\$1,679.73	\$27,249.73	\$25,824.74	(\$1,424.99)	\$0.00	\$25,905.00	\$24,805.00
Adult Education			\$0.00	\$8,061.39	\$0.00	\$8,061.39		
Memorial Day	\$700.00		\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
July 4th	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$485.51	(\$2,514.49)	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total	\$159,542.00		\$167,016.12	\$156,849.84	(\$1,827.57)	\$0.00	\$155,363.00	\$161,384.00

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1990-91	Deficit	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1991-92	Proposed 1992-93
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning:</b>								
Regional Planning	\$12,508.00		\$12,508.00	\$11,580.50	(\$927.50)	\$0.00	\$13,260.00	\$11,610.00
Planning	\$8,750.00		\$8,750.00	\$7,038.31	(\$1,711.69)	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$8,315.00
Board of Adjustment	\$5,100.00		\$5,100.00	\$2,273.85	(\$2,826.15)	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,400.00
Zoning	\$92,728.00	\$553.80	\$93,281.80	\$93,591.80		\$210.00	\$94,454.00	\$88,236.00
Total	\$119,086.00		\$119,649.80	\$114,394.46	(\$5,455.34)	\$0.00	\$106,164.00	\$110,561.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>								
Payment on Debt	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Interest on Debt	\$57,567.00	\$3,846.57	\$61,413.57	\$61,412.83	(\$0.74)	\$0.00	\$53,966.00	\$50,366.00
Total	\$102,567.00	\$3,846.57	\$106,413.57	\$106,412.83	(\$0.74)	\$0.00	\$98,966.00	\$95,366.00
<b>Capital Reserves:</b>								
Fire Truck	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Grader	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rescue Vehicle	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
Highway Equipment	\$16,125.00		\$16,125.00	\$16,125.00		\$0.00	\$16,125.00	\$16,125.00
Highway Vehicle	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total	\$114,625.00		\$114,625.00	\$114,625.00		\$0.00	\$96,125.00	\$106,125.00
<b>Library:</b>								
Wages	\$163,502.00		\$163,502.00	\$168,165.92	\$0.00	\$4,563.92	\$171,600.00	\$186,100.00
Operating Expenses	\$52,583.00		\$52,583.00	\$51,090.12	(\$1,492.88)	\$0.00	\$51,618.00	\$58,132.00
Total	\$216,085.00		\$216,085.00	\$219,256.04	(\$1,492.88)	\$3,171.04	\$223,218.00	\$244,232.00
<b>Transfers Out:</b>								
Communications Center	\$91,697.00		\$91,697.00	\$89,755.50	(\$1,901.50)	\$0.00	\$87,895.00	\$78,854.00
Souhegan Landfill	\$89,097.00		\$89,097.00	\$491,044.00	(\$98,053.00)	\$0.00	\$392,991.00	\$337,162.00
Total	\$680,794.00		\$680,794.00	\$580,839.50	(\$99,954.50)	\$0.00	\$480,886.00	\$416,016.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$4,055,402.00	\$57,409.49	\$4,134,314.14	\$3,971,289.23	(\$234,493.46)	\$0.00	\$3,954,524.00	\$3,930,975.00
<b>Warrant Articles:</b>							\$52,000.00	\$58,000.00
Paving							\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
Upgrade Rt. 122/Merriack							\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00
Fire Protection							\$4,033,524.00	\$4,200,707.00

## FINANCIAL REPORT

FORM **F-65(MS-5)**  
(1-4-91)STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
R.S.A. CHAPTER 21-J  
(For the Year Ending December 31, 1990;  
June 30, 1991)**

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PO Box 457  
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Telephone: (603) 271-3397**

**Part I TAXES (ALL FUNDS) — MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS**

Amount — Omit cents

**A. TAXES**

1. Property taxes committed — Current year (1990)	\$ 9,308,215.12
a. Property tax rate break for county	
b. Adjustments	16,032.94
2. Property taxes — Collected in advance	3,071,052.35
3. Resident taxes committed — Current year (1990)	
4. Resident taxes — Collected in advance	
5. National bank stock taxes committed — Current year (1990)	
6. Yield taxes committed — Current year (1990)	5,264.40
7. Interest and penalties on taxes	265,221.12
8. Tax sales redeemed	789,103.93 13,454,889.86
9. Motor vehicle permit fees	821,139.50
<b>10. TOTAL</b> →	<sup>T01</sup> 14,276,029.36

**B. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

1. Dog licenses	5,017.50
2. Business licenses, permits and filing fees	
3. All other licenses, permits and fees	24,835.81
<b>4. TOTAL</b> →	<sup>T99</sup> 29,853.31

14,305,882.67

**PLEASE CONTINUE ON PAGE 2 WITH PART II**



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Part II INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — ALL FUNDS		Amount — Omit cents
<b>A. FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
1. Federal grants for education	B21	
	\$	--
	B5B	
2. Federal housing and urban renewal	B91	--
		--
3. Water supply system	B89	--
4. All other Federal grants — Attached schedule.	B94	--
5. Federal transit subsidies		--
6. TOTAL		0
<b>B. FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>		
1. Shared revenue	C3B	303,848.07
2. Highway block grant	C4B	151,971.93
3. Land	C21	18.97
4. Railroad Tax	C8B	214.40
5. Housing and community development	C5B	
6. Alcohol and drug abuse	C42	
7. Homeless and emergency shelters	C7B	
8. All other State grants — Attach schedule.	C8B	3,000.00
9. TOTAL		459,053.37
<b>C. FROM OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>		
1. Reimbursements from other local governments	D8B	7,702.94
2. TOTAL		7,702.94
<b>Part III REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES — ALL FUNDS — Exclude transfers.</b>		
1. Water supply system charges	A31	
2. Electric utility charges	A92	
3. Sewer charges	A8B	
4. Garbage-refuse collection charges	A81	
5. Parks and recreation charges	A61	85,763.34
6. Income From Expenses	A91	7,702.94
7. Income From Departments	A6B	104,151.22
8. Income From Special Funds	A5B	36,492.96
9. Sale of cemetery lots	A8B	3,429.10
10. Total	A94	237,539.56
		704,295.87
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<b>Part III REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES — ALL FUNDS — Continued</b> <i>Exclude transfers.</i>		Amount — Omit cents
11. School receipts, including tuition from pupils	A12	--
12. _____	A89	--
13. Insurance Recovery	A89	5,577.13
14. TOTAL →		5,577.13
<b>Part IV MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES — ALL FUNDS</b> <i>Exclude transfers.</i>		
1. Sale of city/town property	U11	2,790.00
2. Interest Town Band	U81	165.01
3. Interest on investments	U20	235,482.22
4. Rents and royalties	U49	8,075.00
5. Withdrawals from capital reserve funds		234,010.66
6. Other miscellaneous revenue	U99	75,882.81
7. Payments in lieu of taxes	U88	21,808.97
8. TOTAL →		578,214.67
<b>Part V OTHER FINANCING SOURCES — ALL FUNDS</b> <i>Exclude transfers.</i>		
1. Proceeds of long term notes		--
2. Proceeds of bond issues		--
3. Other financing sources — <i>Attach schedule.</i>		--
4. TOTAL →		0
<b>Part VI NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS — ALL FUNDS</b> <i>Exclude transfers.</i>		
1. Tax anticipation notes		1,200,000.00
2. Loans in anticipation of bond issues		--
3. Loans in anticipation of long-term notes		--
4. Loans in anticipation of Federal aid		--
5. Loans in anticipation of State aid		--
6. Yield tax security deposits		--
7. Other nonrevenue receipts — <i>Attach schedule.</i>		--
8. TOTAL →		1,200,000.00
9. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES →		16,793,970.34
10. FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1990 (JULY 1, 1990) →		4,334,320.34
11. GRAND TOTAL →		21,128,290.68

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS		Capital outlay	
MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS Report payments to other governments in part XI only.	Maintenance budget item	Purchase of equipment, land, and buildings	Construction
	(a)	(b)	(c)
<b>A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
1. Town officer salaries	E29 81,400.36		
2. Town officer expenses	E29 220,145.38	G29	F29
3. Election and registration	E89 5,764.02	G89	F89
4. Cemeteries	E89 13,442.79	G89	F89
5. General government buildings	E31 77,517.18	G31	F31 20,137.40
6. Financial administration	E23 --	G23	F23
7. Reappraisal of property	E23 61,778.27	G23	F23
8. Planning and zoning	E29 114,394.46	G29	F29
9. Legal expense	E25 66,738.84	G25	F25
10. Central administration	E25 --	G29	F29
11. Hydrant Rent	E89 7,600.00	G89	F89
12. Maps	E68 911.20	G68	F68
13. Contingency fund	E89 11,011.93	G89	F89
<b>B. PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
1. Police department	E62 576,028.61	G62	F62
2. Fire department	E24 131,998.07	G24 195,000.00	F24 9,495.05
3. Civil defense	E89 3,195.92	G89	F89
4. Police Special Duty	E66 14,555.55	G66	F66
<b>C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES</b>			
1. City/town maintenance	E44 372,096.81	G44	F44 57,600.00
2. General highway department	E44 121,495.61	G44	F44 4,940.76
3. Street lighting	E44 16,064.69	G44	F44
4. Church Steeple	E68 --	G68	F68 5,000.00
5. Highway Subsidy	E91 156,903.89	G91	F91
6. Trees	E47 1,050.00		
<b>D. SANITATION</b>			
Metal Landfill-Town	3,432.92		
1. Solid waste disposal	E81 63,943.82	G81	F81
2. Garbage and trash removal	E81	G81	F81
	2,121,470.32	195,000.00	97,173.21

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS — Continued</b>		Capital outlay	
Report payments to other governments in part XI only.	Maintenance budget item	Purchase of equipment, land, and buildings	Construction
	(a)	(b)	(c)
<b>K. UTILITIES</b>			
1. _____	E91	G91	F91
2. Boat Registrations-State	9,269.50		
3. Tank Replacement	E92	G92	F92 113,796.19
4. Electric utility depreciation			
5. Town Band	E88 1,830.96	G88	F88
6. Hartshorn Program	3,546.52		
7. Fieldstone	E94	G94	F94 43,921.81
8. Transit depreciation			
<b>L. MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
1. FICA, retirement, pension contributions	77,653.81		
2. Insurance	370,875.60		
3. Unemployment compensation Other — Specify <u>  </u>			
4. Police Retirement	25,481.77		
5. Employment Retirement	18,786.23		
6. Souhegan Landfill	491,044.00		
7. Communication Center	89,795.50		
8. TOTAL miscellaneous	E89	G89	F89
<b>M. UNCLASSIFIED</b>			
1. Payments — Tax anticipation notes	--		
2. Taxes bought by city/town	1,049,089.08		
3. Discounts, abatements, refunds	57,809.92		
4. Payments to trustees of trust funds (new trust funds)	--		
5. Payment — Lien for elderly R.S.A. 72:38A			
6. Refund and payment — Yield tax escrow	--		
7. Other — Specify <u>  </u>			
Expended From Special Funds	18,844.24		
8. Expended From Capital Res.	32,255.00		
9. _____			
10. Less Money Held in Acc.Pay.	(24,754.74)		
	2,221,527.39		157,718.00

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS — Continued		Capital outlay	
Report payments to other governments in part XI only.	Maintenance budget item	Purchase of equipment, land and buildings	Construction
	(a)	(b)	(c)
<b>N. PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>			
1. To State — Dog license and marriage licenses	2,334.27		
2. Taxes paid to county	1,140,525.00		
3. Payments to precincts	47,915.00		
4. Taxes paid to school district 1990 ( ): 1991 ( ) Please complete schedule on page 12.	10,064,834.00 11,255,608.27 16,365,799.86		
5. Total expenditures for all purposes	\$16,842,727.02	\$ 217,621.00	\$ 259,306.16
6. Fund balance 12/31/90 (6/30/91)	4,285,563.66		
7. <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$21,128,290.68	\$ 217,621.00	\$ 259,306.16
<b>Part VIII BONDS AND LONG-TERM NOTES AUTHORIZED — UNISSUED</b>		Year (a)	Amount (b)
Purpose — List each separately.			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
<b>Part IX SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS (As of December 31, 1990 or June 30, 1991)</b>		Purpose* (a)	Amount (b)
<b>A. LONG-TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING — List separately.</b>			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. <b>TOTAL LONG-TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING</b>			
<b>B. BONDS OUTSTANDING — List separately.</b>			
1. Library Bond		Construction	675,000.00
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. <b>TOTAL BONDS OUTSTANDING</b>			675,000.00
<b>C. TOTAL LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS — 12/31/90 or 6/30/91 — Sum of lines A6 and B6</b>			675,000.00

\* Use code "S" for sewer bonds; "W" for water bonds; "G" for general purpose bonds.

SCHEDULE A  
Treasurer's Financial Report

Town Accounts

General Fund	\$ 400,452.39
Payroll Account	1,821.62
CD Account (Milford Co-Op)	107,578.26
Trust Account	<u>3,465,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$3,974,852.27

Special Funds

Conservation Gift	\$ 32,032.16
Conservation Land	243,154.86
Conservation CD	21,507.77
Recreation/Baboosic	2,651.36
Rescue	1,654.06
Town Band	5,343.47
Buccio Escrow	2,535.68
Farmington Acres	<u>1,832.03</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 310,711.39
Total	\$4,285,563.66

SCHEDULE B  
Due From Special Funds

Amherst Town Band	\$ 1,830.96
Conservation Land	12,699.00
Recreation Gift	2,533.69
Rescue Gift	265.00
Conservation Gift	<u>3,346.55</u>
Total	\$ 20,675.20

SCHEDULE C  
Liability - Due To Other Funds

Trustees of Trust Funds	
Cost of Burial - Prior Year	\$ 150.00
Income Due 1990-91	<u>3,429.10</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 3,579.10
Community Council 1990-91 Dues	\$ 2,845.00
Horace Greeley Road Bridge	16,245.80
Held for Special Funds	
Newcomers - P.A. System Balance	111.73
Tree Committee - Reserved for Trees	1,409.70
Fourth of July - Prior Year Forward	105.46
Pre-Paid Account 1991-92 Baboosic	16,261.00
Performance Bonds	<u>4,367.71</u>
Total	\$ 44,925.50

SCHEDULE D  
Escrow Accounts

Engineering Funds	\$ 3,050.60
Legal Funds	<u>588.00</u>
Total	3,638.60

SCHEDULE E  
Income Due To Town

School District of Amherst - Gas	\$ 285.30
Conservation - Legal Fees	7,255.07
Police Special Duty	1,788.00
Police - Accident Report	110.00
Police - Small Claims	<u>514.50</u>
Total	\$ 9,952.87

SCHEDULE F  
Reserved for Encumbrances

Sewer Study Balance	\$ 61,930.09
Town Hall Repairs	<u>5,546.73</u>
Total	\$ 67,476.82

SCHEDULE G  
Purchased From Capital Reserves

Cemetery Reserves	\$ 228.00
Highway Equipment Fund	29,967.00
Rescue Communication Fund	2,010.00
Bridge Ad Expense	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 32,255.00

SCHEDULE H  
Income Received To Reduce Expenses

School District - Town Report	\$ 1,487.02
Police Sigarm Guns	2,380.00
Police Sale of Computer	500.00
Police Films	444.00
Police Miscellaneous	1,256.80
Fire - Oil Spill	1,256.62
Fire - Roger's House	226.50
Highway Income	130.00
Zoning	<u>22.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,702.94

SCHEDULE I  
Expenses Paid From Income

Interest From Invested Funds	\$ 5,049.31
Bull N.H. Grant	3,000.00
Town Office Refunds	464.73
Landfill Metal Removal	3,432.92
Recreation	5,794.39
Baboosic	1,679.73
Adult Recreation	2,267.00
Building Permits Refunded	<u>563.80</u>
Total	\$ 22,251.88

SCHEDULE J  
Income From Departments

Police	\$ 12,131.69
Police Special Duty	14,602.00
Fire Department	1,914.50
Town Office	5,238.82
Ambulance	14,010.00
Welfare Paid Back	12,026.44
Highway - Lawrence Fund	399.32
Tire Income - Landfill	1,937.00
Metal Income - Landfill	6,501.61
Town Band	2,500.00
Environmental Camp	4,427.43
Bertha Rogers' Committee	651.45
Recreation	35,368.91
Baboosic	35,945.78
Adult Recreation	14,448.65
Zoning	22,262.17
Planning Board	3,532.29
Board of Adjustment	<u>2,016.50</u>
Total	\$ 189,914.56



# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

PROPERTY & MAP NO.		VALUE
Town Hall & Land	18-42	\$224,200.00
Equipment		155,650.00
Library & Land	17-7	469,500.00
Equipment		368,500.00
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	6-69	125,200.00
Equipment		33,600.00
Police/Rescue/Fire Land	6-94	40,200.00
Police/Rescue Building		184,400.00
Police Equipment		143,850.00
Rescue Equipment		35,000.00
Central Fire Station		315,600.00
Equipment		55,650.00
South Fire Station	2-127-3	83,500.00
Equipment		55,650.00
Baboosic Lake Land & Pavillion	24-13-2	93,100.00
Baboosic Lake Land	24-13-1	19,300.00
Recreation Equipment		27,450.00
Baboosic Dump	6-86	18,600.00
Jones Lot	2-26-1	18,800.00
Meadowview Cemetery	5-172	72,500.00
Tool House		2,200.00
Recreation Storage Bldg.		9,450.00
Howard Cemetery Addition	17-51	52,000.00
Chestnut Hill Cemetery	11T	9,500.00
Cricket Corner Cemetery	4-94-1	20,500.00
Potters Field	1-1-32	13,000.00
Souhegan Regional Landfill	8-9-1	73,400.00
& Addition		
Thibodeau Land	2-163	12,700.00
Jasper Valley Development Path		0.00
Kutick Land	3-34-3	0.00
Rogers' Homestead	5-115	169,900.00

## TOWN PARKS

Village Tennis Courts & Land	17-13	\$48,800.00
Village Fire Station Land	17-26	24,000.00
Sullivan Land	20-4-1	12,200.00
Court House Common	16-15	3,000.00
Pierce Common	17-17-4	12,500.00
Spalding Common	17-10	50,500.00
Huntington Common	16-14	4,100.00
School Street Park	17-17-2	39,500.00
Mack Hill Common	19-21	7,700.00
Carriage Common	17-17-1	10,300.00
Main Street Common	17-17-3	58,000.00
Boston Post Village Common	17-17-6	14,300.00
Civil War Common	17-17-5	17,800.00
Gault Land	25-28	4,000.00
Bowling Alley Land	25-104	2,800.00
Triangle at Broadway (Brown Lot)	24-3	4,600.00

CONSERVATION LAND

PROPERTY & MAP NO.	ACRES	VALUE
Joe English Conservation Area	373	\$357,600.00
9-2, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 10-18-5, 10-22-1, 10-40-1		
Great Meadow	61	79,200.00
5-141A, 5-146, 5-147, 5-149, 5,170, 5-152, 5-153-1, 5-169-1, 5-169-2, 17-55-1		
Ross Bird Sanctuary 6-112-2, 6-115-4	21	26,700.00
Beaver Brook Park 18-41-1	2	22,000.00
Caesar's Brook Reservation 7-91	40	48,400.00
Sherburne Lot 2-145-4	10	10,000.00
B&M Railroad 6-120, 6-121	18	5,500.00
Carey Development Lot 4-52-54	10	23,200.00
Bartlett Lot 4-55	2.5	4,000.00
Wilson Lot 5-107-5	2.3	11,000.00
Morgan Lot 6-30-6	8.8	8,100.00
Roantree Lot 17-83-1	0.5	35,500.00
Gault Lot 25-103	2.3	19,300.00
Fillmore Lot 2-31-6	2	3,000.00
Luby Lot 5-82-8	10	11,400.00
Arnold Land 8-11	32	18,500.00
Arnold Land 7-800	60	48,000.00
Beacon Associates	8	8,600.00
Wilkins Land 5-62, 5-65, 5-65-1 5-66, 5-75-1	68	92,200.00
Smith Lot 5-68	8	22,300.00
Monahan Land 8-49-41, 8-49-39, 10-5-18	3.69	69,300.00
Scott Land 4-48, 2-140	39	106,100.00
Alice Townes 5-150	1.4	35,900.00
Haseltine Land 7-42, 8-10	128	143,400.00
Davis Land 7-73-1	6.1	3,900.00
Monson Lot 21-20-62	0.8	1,600.00

TAX DEEDED LAND MANAGED BY CONSERVATION

Melendy Lot 4-16-2	2.5	\$4,000.00
Gelinas Lot 11-17	16	19,200.00
Yankee Homes 5-87	5.4	7,800.00
Currier Land 2-115	6	10,300.00
Currier Land 4-34-23	14	21,200.00
Sylvester Lot 8-77-10	17.5	47,500.00
Glover Lot 2-146-55, 2-146-56, 2-146-57	2.25	41,700.00
Wells Realty 4-34-25	3.5	5,600.00
Church of Our Savior 5-63-1	0.8	2,000.00

TAX DEEDS

Brooks Land 24-19	0.14	\$7,600.00
White Lot 4-16	1	18,000.00
Broadway Lot	0.04	3,200.00
Nash Land 24-61	2	25,000.00
Cloutier Land 6-65	0.7	100.00
Allan Lot 21-3	0.56	6,600.00
Savarino Lot 6-47-1	2.88	16,200.00

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting		Name of city/town AMHERST	
Line No.	ASSETS -- General Fund only As of December 31, 1990, June 30, 1991		
200	Cash -- Attach supporting schedule.	402,274	01
201			
202	In hands of officials -- Attach supporting schedule. Petty Cash	350	00
203	Investments -- Attach supporting schedule.	3,572,578	26
204	Special Funds	310,711	39
205			
206	<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		4,285,913 66
207			
208	Accounts receivable:		
209	State of New Hampshire		
210			
211			
212	Taxes:		
213			
214	Unredeemed taxes 1990	972,307	97
215	1989	357,637	52
216	1988	21,415	53
217	Uncollected taxes Yield	2,437	10
218			
219	Uncollected sewer rent assessments (Offset similar liability account)		
220	Inventory - Fuel	7,337	42
221	Welfare Liens	115,132	24
222			
223	Lien for the elderly (R.S.A. 72:38 A) (Offsets similar liability account)	69,419	41
224			
225	Due from other funds School District Gas	285	30
226	Legal Fees - Conservation	7,255	07
227	Police Special Duty	1,788	00
228	Police Accident Reports	110	00
229	Police Small Claims	514	50
230			
231	Due From Special Funds - 1990-91 Payments	20,675	20
232	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		1,576,315 26
233			
234	Prepaid Civil Defense	500	00
235			
236			
237			
238			
239			
240			
241			
242			
243			
244			
245			500. 00
246	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		5,862,728 92
247	Fund balance-current deficit (Excess of liabilities over assets)		
248	<b>GRAND TOTAL -- Sum of lines 246 and 247</b>		
249	Fund balance -- December 31, 1989 (June 30, 1990)	474,503	17
250	Fund balance -- December 31, 1990 (June 30, 1991)	949,003	50
251	Change in financial condition	474,500	32

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**BALANCE SHEET**

Line No.	LIABILITIES – General fund only As of December 31, 1990, June 30, 1991		
300	Accounts owed by the city/town		
301	Accounts payable – <i>Attach schedule.</i>	24,754	74
302	Unexpended balances of special appropriations – <i>Attach schedule.</i> Sewer Study	61,930	09
303	Town Hall	5,546	73
304	Special Funds in Hands of Treasurer	306,343	68
305			
306	Escrows – Performance Bonds	4,367	71
307	Engineering	3,050	60
308	Legal	588	00
309	Performance guarantee (bond) deposits		
310	Uncollected sewer rents/assessments (Offsets similar asset account)		
311			
312			
313	Due to State Horace Greeley Road Bridge	16,245	80
314			
315			
316	Due to other funds Newcomers – Speakers	111	73
317	Tree Committee Surplus Reserved	1,409	70
318			
319	Environmental Camp Funds	5,078	88
320			
321	County taxes payable		
322	Precincts taxes payable		
323	School district(s) tax(es) payable – <i>See also schedule on page 12.</i>		
324			
325	Tax anticipation notes outstanding – <i>List each note separately with name of holder and maturity date</i>	1,200,000	00
326	Due Conservation – Balance of Budget	1,020	00
327	Pre-Pay Income to 1992 Year – Baboosic	16,261	00
328			
329	To Trustees of Trust Funds – Burial	3,579	10
330	Balance of 4th of July Budget	105	46
331	Community Council 1991 Payment	2,845	00
332	Other liabilities – <i>Attach schedule.</i>		
333	Property taxes collected in advance (Fiscal year entities only)	3,075,735	55
334	Lien for the elderly (Offsets similar asset account)	69,419	41
335	Welfare	115,132	24
336			
337	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE CITY</b>	4,913,525	42
338			
339			
340			
341			
342			
343	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		
344	Fund balance – Current surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	949,203	50
345			
346			
347	<b>GRAND TOTAL – Sum of lines 343 and 344</b>	5,862,728	92
<p><b>NOTE</b> Do not include outstanding long-term indebtedness among liabilities on this page. Such debt must be reported on pages 7 and 8.</p>			

# FINANCIAL REPORT

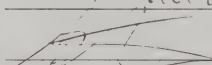
## RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability at the beginning of the municipality's year	\$ 0
2. <b>ADD:</b> School district assessment for current year	10,064,834.00
3. <b>TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR</b>	10,064,823.00
4. <b>SUBTRACT:</b> Payments made to school district within the municipality's year	( 10,064,823.00 )
5. School district liability at the end of the municipality's year	\$ 0

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DATE: 8/8/91

Selectmen 



Telephone 603/673/6041

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each city. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When made out, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed on file among the city records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

### WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

1. For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1, 1991.
2. For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (fiscal year ending June 30, 1991), this report must be filed on or before September 1, 1991.

### WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration  
State of New Hampshire  
Municipal Services Division  
61 S. Spring Street  
PO Box 457  
Concord, NH 03302-0457



# SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1990 to March 14, 1991

Cash on Hand July 1, 1990		\$1,602,568.12
Receipts:		
Tax Collector's Deposits	\$ 8,650,494.34	
Town Clerk's Deposits	576,607.88	
Selectmen's Deposits	<u>693,819.94</u>	
		\$ 9,920,922.16
Payroll Dep. from Closed Nashua Trust Acct.		1,000.00
Payroll Int. from Closed Nashua Trust Acct.		20.50
Certificates of Deposit to G.F.		8,950,821.89
Transfer to Nashua Trust to Cover Checks		210,000.00
Conservation Land Acct. Savings to G.F. for CD's		230,800.00
High Meadows Escrow Account		15,904.01
Boyleston Terrace Escrow Account		19,137.91
Previous Years' Checks Voided in New FY (1990)		2,151.52
Previous Years' Bad Checks Replaced in New FY		40.50
Balance Correction		7.91
General Fund Account Interest through 2/28/91		<u>15,367.28</u>
		\$20,968,741.80
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		<u>-20,667,507.47</u>
BALANCE March 14, 1991		\$ 301,234.33
TOWN OF AMHERST PAYROLL ACCOUNTS:		
Opening Balance 7/1/90 at Nashua Trust	\$	1,000.00
Interest in "Now" Account		<u>20.50</u>
	\$	1,020.50
Withdrawal to G.F. at Granite Bk. 9/21/90		<u>1,020.50</u>
	\$	0
Opening Balance 7/1/90 at Granite Bank	\$	1,000.00
Interest in "Now" Account		<u>556.13</u>
Balance 3/14/91	\$	1,556.13
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:		
Amherst Conservation Gift Account:		
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$	14,612.20
Deposits		15,749.51
Interest		<u>1,068.06</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$	31,429.77
Amherst Conservation Land Account:		
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$	18,144.81
Deposits		4,600.00
CD Transactions		240,321.32
Interest		<u>854.88</u>
	\$	263,921.01
Withdrawals (Includes 4 CD Investments)	-	<u>230,800.00</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$	33,121.01

Buccio Escrow Account:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 2,400.00
Interest	<u>88.00</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$ 2,488.00

Farmington Acres Escrow Account:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 1,734.00
Interest	<u>63.58</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$ 1,797.58

Amherst Recreation/Baboosic Account:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 588.10
Deposits	1,000.00
Interest	<u>42.65</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$ 1,630.75

Amherst Rescue/CPR Account:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 957.46
Deposits	225.00
Interest	<u>39.03</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$ 1,221.49

Amherst Town Band Account:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 2,210.97
Deposits	2,100.00
Interest	<u>144.15</u>
BALANCE 3/14/91	\$ 4,455.12

High Meadow Farm Associates:	
Opening Balance 7/1/90	\$ 15,427.25
Interest	<u>476.76</u>
	\$ 15,904.01
Account Closed 1/23/91	<u>15,904.01</u>
	0

Boyleston Terrace:	
Opening Balance 9/28/90	\$ 19,000.00
Interest	<u>137.91</u>
	\$ 19,137.91
Account Closed 11/22/90	<u>19,137.91</u>
	0

#### SCHEDULE A

Balance in General Fund	\$ 301,234.33
Balance in Payroll Fund	1,556.13
Balance in CD Account	3,810,180.90

Special Funds Account	
Conservation Gift	\$ 31,429.77
Conservation Land	33,121.01
Conservation CD	200,800.00
Recreation/Baboosic	1,630.75

Rescue/CPR	1,221.49
Town Band	4,455.12
Buccio Escrow	2,488.00
Farmington Escrow	<u>1,797.58</u>
CASH IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER 6/30/90	\$ 4,389,915.08

From July 1, 1990 to March 14, 1991, the amount of interest from Town monies was \$166,709.30. This amount was realized from 52 Certificates of Deposit, 3 Treasury Bills, 3 Escrow Accounts and from the interest on the General Fund and Payroll Checking Accounts. There are 17 more investments which have been made, 9 Certificates of Deposit and 8 Treasury Bills, which will mature after March 14th and before the end of the fiscal year.

MARION SORTEVIK  
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

March 15, 1991 to June 30, 1991

General Fund

Opening Balance	\$ 301,234.33
Receipts:	
Selectmen	\$ 359,765.74
Tax Collector	4,804,396.52
Town Clerk	<u>274,384.93</u>
	5,438,547.19
CD to General Fund	2,792,229.57
Interest on General Fund	8,026.07
Tax Anticipation Note	1,200,000.00
Voided Check	4,060.27
Bad Checks (To Be Replaced)	- 3,232.64
Error on Check Replacement	<u>.90</u>
	\$9,740,865.69
Manifests Paid	-5,860,413.30
Transfer of Funds to Trust	-3,465,000.00
Bad Checks on Taxes Recommitted to Collector	<u>- 15,000.00</u>
	\$ 400,452.39

Town Payroll Account

Balance March 15, 1991	\$ 1,556.13
Interest Earned	265.49
Income	--
Balance	<u>\$ 1,821.62</u>

Trust Account

Opened June 30, 1991	\$3,465,000.00
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Town Money Market Account

Opening Balance	\$ 343,832.96
Interest	3,745.30
Income	--
Expended	<u>- 240,000.00</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$ 107,578.26

Conservation Gift Account

Opening Balance March 15, 1991	\$ 31,429.77
Interest Earned	602.39
Income	--
Balance June 30, 1991	<u>\$ 32,032.16</u>

Conservation Land Account

Opening Balance March 15, 1991	\$ 33,121.01
Interest Earned	829.79
Income	18,221.00
CD Transferred	<u>190,983.06</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$ 243,154.86

Recreation/Baboosic Account

Opening Balance	\$	1,630.75
Interest		40.61
Income		<u>980.00</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$	2,651.36

Rescue/CPR

Opening Balance	\$	1,221.49
Interest		27.57
Income		<u>405.00</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$	1,654.06

Town Band Account

Opening Balance	\$	4,455.12
Interest		88.35
Income		<u>800.00</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$	5,343.47

Farmington Acres

Opening Balance March 15, 1991	\$	1,797.58
Interest Earned		34.45
Expended		<u>--</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$	1,832.03

Buccio Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1991	\$	2,488.00
Interest Earned		47.68
Income		<u>--</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	\$	2,535.68

ELIZABETH OVERHOLT

June 30, 1991



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

June 30, 1991

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Prior</u>
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>			
Property Taxes		\$2,009,240.39	
Yield Taxes		1,191.20	
<u>Taxes Committed</u>			
Property Taxes	\$7,015,546.74	\$7,300,461.64	
Yield Taxes	7,781.70		
<u>Added Taxes</u>			
Property Taxes		\$ 11,606.34	
Current Use		10,787.00	
Tax Costs		8,983.50	
<u>Overpayments</u>			
A/C Property Taxes		\$ 35,793.20	
A/C Credit Memos	\$ 7,035.42		
<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes</u>			
Property Taxes		\$ 136,090.91	
Yield Taxes		63.19	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$7,030,363.86	\$ 9,514,217.37	
<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>			
Property Taxes	\$3,010,211.84	\$ 9,297,428.12	
Land Use Change Tax		10,787.00	
Yield Taxes	4,683.20	581.20	
Credit Memo	60,840.51		
Interest on Taxes		136,090.91	
Penalties-1990 Tax Cost		8,983.50	
Interest on Yield Tax		63.19	
<u>Abatements Allowed</u>			
Property Taxes		\$ 59,673.45	
Yield Taxes	\$ 751.40	520.00	
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>			
<u>End of Fiscal Year</u>			
Property Taxes	\$3,951,529.81		
Yield Taxes	2,347.10	\$ 90.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$7,030,363.86	\$ 9,514,217.37	

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE LIEN ACCOUNTS

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Unredeemed		\$889,731.86	\$204,962.16	\$5,991.61
Taxes				
Taxes Sold	\$1,049,089.08			
Interest	1,345.60	63,779.64	54,565.47	392.81
TOTAL				
DEBITS	\$1,050,434.68	\$953,511.50	\$259,527.63	\$6,384.42
Remittance				
Redemptions	\$ 76,681.25	\$527,839.50	\$182,910.65	\$1,672.53
Interest	1,345.60	63,779.64	54,565.47	392.81
Abatements		3,612.27		
Deeded to Town	99.86	642.57	635.98	4,319.08
Unredeemed	972,307.97	357,637.52	21,415.53	
TOTAL				
CREDITS	\$1,050,434.68	\$953,511.50	\$259,527.63	\$6,384.42

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Period of July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991

Vehicle Registrations	\$798,168.00
Vehicle Titles	3,370.00
Municipal Agent Fees	19,631.50
Dog Licenses	5,017.50
Vital Statistics	2,621.00
Dog Fines	258.00
UCC Filings	5,640.64
Filing Fees	5.00
Miscellaneous Income	359.15
Town Mugs	130.00
State Boat Registration Fees	9,713.00
Town Boat Registration Fees	<u>6,079.02</u>
TOTAL	\$850,992.81

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The most significant things that can be said about the year 1991 and its impact on the Town of Amherst were the changes that took place in personnel and the impact of the state of the economy both at the national and state levels.

It is not often that you say good-bye to employees that have dedicated themselves to serving the Town so well for so long. Amherst has been extremely fortunate in this regard. This year we bid farewell to Barbara Landry, our esteemed Town Administrator and an employee of the Town for thirty six years; to Marion Sortevik, our very competent Town Treasurer of twenty years; and to Russell Abbate, our knowledgeable Zoning Administrator of fifteen years. We wish them all joy and happiness in their retirement.

With heavy hearts, we also said good-bye to John Osborn, our Chief of Police of sixteen years. John's death came as quite a shock to all who knew him and he will be missed. The Board also accepted the resignation of David Herlihy, the Fire Chief for the last two years and member of the Fire Department for the last twenty seven years.

As a result of these retirements and the death of Chief Osborn, the Board spent many months reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates to replace those who left. We feel lucky to have found extremely capable, professional people to fill these positions.

Dana Crowell was hired as the Town Administrator. Dana comes to us from the Town of Belmont where she spent several years as the Town Administrator. Tom Ursia was hired to be the new Zoning and Planning Administrator. Tom was formerly a planner in Sanford, Maine. In order to comply with the recommendation of our auditor to segregate financial duties, we hired Phyllis Hussey to become our Town Accountant. The Town Treasurer's position is now one of signing checks and reconciling the bank accounts with the Accounting Department.

When it came time to appoint a new Chief of Police, we decided to hire from within the Department. Lt. Gary MacGuire, who has served with the Amherst Police under John Osborn for the last twelve years, was hired. John Bachman was elected by the Fire Department and approved by the Selectmen to be the new Fire Chief.

We are looking forward to working with all of our new employees for a long time.

An over-riding concern of the Board of Selectmen in 1991 dealt, for the most part, with economic issues and budgetary matters. The economic slow down that began a few years ago has become more severe, adversely impacting many of our

residents and businesses. The budget that was adopted at the March 1991 Town Meeting succeeded in reducing the Town's portion of the tax rate from \$6.47 to \$5.39, a 16.7 percent reduction without any significant reduction in services. It is the goal of this Board to present a budget that will have no or little significant increase in the Town's portion of the tax rate for the next budget year.

Infrastructure, environment and economic development are concerns that we have been dealing with for many years and continue to be a major part of our discussions. The Route 101A Bypass plans have gone through many metamorphoses. We believe that the Steering Committee working with the State has come up with a plan that has the least impact on the Town of Amherst and its citizens. The new plan proposes building a road parallel to 101A along the existing railroad right-of-way which would extend from Amherst to Exit 8 in Nashua with very few off ramps. This will alleviate major traffic problems without adversely impacting the business district.

With regard to the business district, the Zoning amendment to rezone the section of Route 101A which would permit the building of a Wal-Mart store on the site of the Howland's Flea Market, was passed by the voters. Ground was broken in the fall and Wal-Mart expects to open its doors in early summer bringing jobs and increased business to the Town.

Our Sewer Implementation Committee is still at work. The work of the Committee was delayed by the State who was working on a wasteload allocation study of the Souhegan River. That study is now completed and at this writing, the Committee is developing plans and options to present to the Town. Without this most important infrastructure improvement, it will be more difficult to attract new business to the Bon Terrain Industrial area.

The Board was informed this year by Pennichuck Water Company, that it has entered into a Purchase & Sales Agreement with the Southern New Hampshire Water Company to buy Southern's franchise area in Amherst. Southern New Hampshire's franchise area serves Bon Terrain as well as the residential area of Pilgrim Hills. Pennichuck Water has received temporary approval to provide water to the Souhegan High School. In order for Pennichuck to complete this deal, they will need to install additional fire hydrants in their franchise area. The Town Meeting will be asked to determine if they are willing to do this. The Board of Selectmen believe that it would be more advantageous for the Town to be served by Pennichuck than by Southern New Hampshire because of the fees and the rates that they charge.

Another infrastructure issue that has been an on-going concern for several years is the sewerage of the Baboosic Lake area. The sewer project was going to be done in



cooperation with the Town of Merrimack. Unfortunately, due primarily to the economic conditions, the proposal that was presented to the voters in Merrimack was defeated. This is an issue that will need to be revisited at a future time.

We are glad to report that the landfill is finally capped. For the last several years, the landfill has actually been a transfer station where we have seen the birth of a voluntary recycling program take shape. With the help of a Recycling Committee, we are looking for and trying to encourage ways to increase the recycling effort. One of the suggestions that gathered a lot of attention was a "lottery" to create the incentive to recycle. By the spring of 1992, we hope to have in place a new traffic and drop-off configuration of the transfer station that will aid in the recycling effort. Recycling is a benefit to the community from an environmental standpoint and in addition will save the Town money.

In June, a special Town Meeting was held to discuss the funding of work that needed to be done to the house on the Bertha Rogers' Estate. The meeting decided to approve the amount of \$35,000 for the removal of the underground fuel tank and the removal of the lead paint from the premises. The use of the Bertha Rogers' Estate has been one of the issues that the Board has continued to discuss. In August, the Lions Club made a proposal for the Town to turn over the property to them so that it could become a place where the parents of children in need of major medical attention could stay while those children were being attended to. This is a concept on the order of the "Ronald MacDonald House". The Board favored the proposal and are waiting for the Lions Club to present additional details.

The Board appointed Sharon Frydlo, the Town's Assistant to the Town Administrator to be the Town's Welfare Officer. Economic hardships continue to exist for many of the townspeople. The Board, at the suggestion of one of its members, instituted a Work Fair Program. This program enables those people in Town who are looking for work to get in touch with people who need work to be done. The program has been so successful that other towns have called for information to establish similar programs.

At the urging of the Town Clerk, the Selectmen purchased a computer and a software program that was designed for the Town to increase efficiency in the Town Clerk's office for the registration of automobiles. One of the results is that residents of Amherst are now able to register their automobiles by mail.

As always the Board of Selectmen appreciate your continued support and would like to encourage your participation in the governing of the Town.



## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Amherst Ways and Means Committee is appointed by the Town Moderator to serve as an advisory committee on matters of finance to the Town, Schools and Library. Members are appointed on a staggered schedule and serve for three years.

Certain budgets which form part of the tax rate are not reviewed by the Committee. These include the Souhegan School District, which has its own Finance Committee, the Souhegan (School) Administrative Unit 39, the Milford Area Communications Center, the Souhegan Regional Landfill and Hillsborough County.

The MACC Base, Landfill and County assessments form part of the Town budget and cannot be appealed. Budgets approved by those bodies are prorated upon previously agreed formulas and automatically become part of the Town tax rate. However, the Town has representation on these entities.

In the course of budget review, Committee members meet with Town and School Department Heads, with Selectmen and the Town Administrator, with the Librarian and the Board of Trustees of the Library and with the Amherst School Board. Proposed budgets are discussed at length, and recommendations are made for both additions and deletions. Articles proposed for the Town or School Warrant are reviewed, and the Committee takes a position on each. Usually, by the time of School and Town Meetings, the Committee is in substantial agreement with the budgeting authorities.

### General Position

The Ways and Means Committee believes that the national and local economy did not improve during 1991. Unemployment rates continue to be high, and the local real estate market is very poor. There is no indication of increased hiring by any of the larger nearby companies, either now or in the near future. We believe that there will be no substantial recovery during 1992.

The new Souhegan High School has a proposed budget which significantly adds to previous school costs. The increase in the tax rate due to the new school is estimated at \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or \$449.00 additional taxes on a house assessed at \$150,000. Budget deliberations may reduce this somewhat, but the new high school will increase taxes in 1992.

Accordingly, on January 20th the Ways and Means Committee issued a formal request to the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Trustees of the Library, and the Amherst School Board, to hold budgets level with those of 1990-1991.

In addition, we asked that the Souhegan High School Board exercise all possible restraint in developing their new budget, and that programs not absolutely required be delayed until the future. Costs established now will set precedents which will be very difficult to modify.

### Recent Tax History

The history of the tax rate since 1985 is shown below. Note that the total tax rate is increasing at a rate of ten percent per year. At this rate, taxes will double every seven years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Total</u>
1985	1.96	1.47	17.77	21.20
1986	2.43	1.56	19.09	23.08
1987	4.37	2.24	18.89	25.50
1988	6.65	1.72	21.03	29.40
1989	5.55	2.60	23.08	31.23
1990	6.47	2.69	24.02	33.18
1991	5.39	2.60	24.79	32.78
Proposed 1992	5.39	2.59*	27.78**	35.76

\* Shown at level of 1991 - expected to increase

\*\* Amherst - \$16.44, Souhegan - \$10.87. Difference is Souhegan SAU No. 39.

Total increases over this period are:

Town	-	175%
County	-	76%
Schools	-	56%
Total	-	69%

These tax rates, when applied to an Amherst house assessed at \$150,000, result in the following taxes:

1985	-	\$3,180
1992	-	\$5,364 est.
1999	-	\$10,728 est.

### Expected Budgets and Revenues

The amount to be raised by taxes consists of the budget minus any revenue. Revenue is generated from many sources, including interest, vehicle registrations, library fines licenses, the highway subsidy, Federal grants-in-aid, etc.

Listed below are the amounts to be raised by taxation, i.e., budgets minus revenue, not including warrants.

Library	\$ 244,232
Warrants	\$ 122,732
MACC Base	\$ 78,854
Souhegan Landfill	\$ 377,162
County	\$1,111,180 est.

Town	<u>\$1,526,216</u>
Total Town	<u>\$3,420,376</u>
SAU #39 (Amherst Portion)	\$ 199,427
Amherst Schools	\$ 7,044,382
(Not including salary increases)	
Souhegan Schools (Amherst Portion)	<u>\$ 4,657,738</u>
Total School	<u>\$11,901,547</u>

Total to be Raised by Taxation \$15,321,923 est.

#### Calculation of Expected Tax Rate

The method used to calculate the tax rate is shown below:

Total to be Raised = \$15,321,923 x 1,000 = \$35.42 est.  
Assessed Valuation \$428,422,497

#### Town Budget

A comparison of the main components of the Town tax rate for the current year with the proposed budget is shown below:

	1991-1992	1992-1993	% Change
Library	\$ 223,218	\$ 244,232	+9.6
MACC Base	\$ 87,895	\$ 78,854	- 10
Landfill	\$ 392,991	\$ 337,162	- 14
Warrants	\$ 78,500	\$ 122,732	+ 58
Town	\$3,215,420	\$3,270,727	+1.7
County	\$1,111,180	\$1,111,180 est.	?
Total Budget	\$5,109,204	\$5,164,887	+1.1
Revenue	\$1,718,739	\$1,744,511	+1.2
To be Raised by Taxes	\$3,390,465	\$3,420,376	+1.0
Tax Rate	\$7.91	\$7.98	+1.0

One item in the main portion of the Town budget required special consideration. A proposal to self-insure employee health insurance rather than pay a lump sum premium to a health insurance company was studied in detail. The Committee voted against self-insurance and relayed this opinion to the Selectmen. The Selectmen later voted against self-insurance. The study was very worthwhile, as health insurance is a major and increasing part of the Town budget. The Committee supports the Selectmen's policy of continuous investigation of potential cost reductions in this area.

The Library budget shown is only that portion that the Town is requested to pay. The Library has other sources of income and the total Library budget is considerably higher. Please refer to their report.

At the time this report was prepared, the Selectmen had agreed to hold their portion of the Town budget level, and were working hard to do so. The Committee strongly approves

of this effort.

### Town Warrant Articles

At this time, the Articles proposed for the Warrant and the Committee's recommendation on each are:

1. To continue to develop funding to improve the intersection of Merrimack Road with State Road 122. (This is the second of three years' funding, with work to proceed after the third year. Last year the Committee recommended disapproval. This year there was a tie vote, with half the Committee feeling that the intersection is dangerous, and half disagreeing.)

\$17,000

Split Opinion

2. To appropriate monies for the continuation of a planned program for paving Town roads. (This program was postponed during 1991-1992. The Committee feels that re-starting the program is now appropriate.)

\$58,000

Recommend Approval

3. To appropriate monies for the establishment of a Fire District in the south part of Town and for hydrant rental from the Pennichuck Water Works. (The Committee feels that a precedent will be established that will continue to raise costs as the water system expands.)

\$47,732

Recommend Disapproval

4. To take monies from Capital Reserves for rescue vehicles in order to purchase new rescue vehicles. (No detail of the proposed purchase is available at this time. The Committee will take a position on this article at Town Meeting.)

Opinion Pending

5. To authorize the Selectmen to sell all or part of the Bertha Rogers' house and property. (The Committee recommends approval, subject to details of the sale.)

Recommend Approval

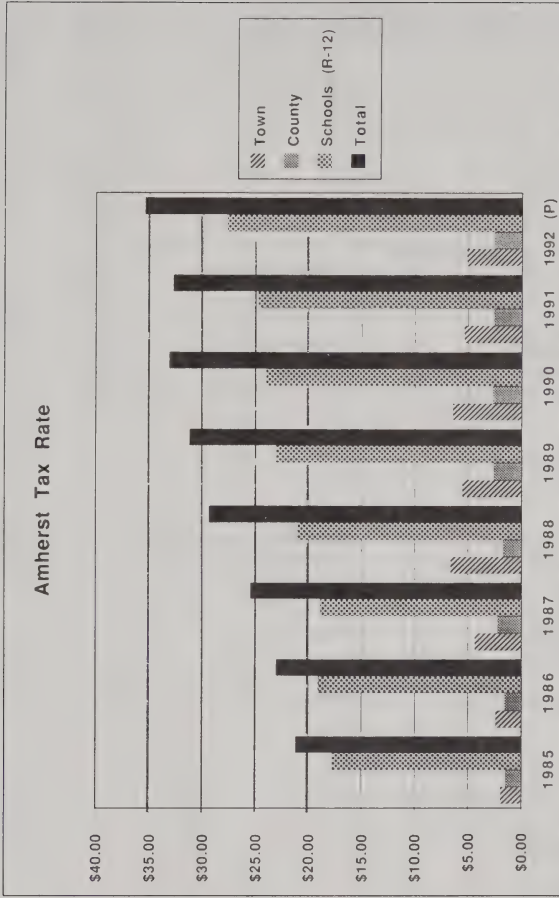
6. To authorize the Planning Board to prepare a plan of municipal capital improvements. (While this article has no fiscal impact, the Committee applauds the intention for long-range planning.)

Recommend Approval

7. To authorize the Library Trustees to raise and expend money. (The article has no fiscal impact, and the Committee approves.

Recommend Approval

Amherst Tax Rate Chart





AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
CIRCULATION STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990-1991

Adult Fiction	26,375
Adult Nonfiction	20,373
Juvenile	43,197
Magazines	7,669
Art Prints	106
Puzzles	1,227
Audio Recordings	5,599
Inter-Library Loans (From)	618
Inter-Library Loans (To)	1,074
Films	11
Pamphlets	451
Videos	<u>6,923</u>
Total Circulation	113,623

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Volumes Owned 6/30/91	29,948	13,070	43,018
Volumes Added 7/90-6/91	2,307	892	3,199
Volumes Discarded 7/90-6/91	406	157	563
Volumes Added as Gifts	320	319	639
<u>RECORDINGS - AUDIO</u>	1,243	233	1,476
<u>RECORDINGS - VIDEO</u>	213	117	330
<u>FILM STRIPS</u>		36	36
<u>MAGAZINES SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			145
<u>NEWSPAPERS</u>			
Sunday Papers			4
Weeklies			2
Dailies			5
<u>ART PRINTS</u>			54
<u>PATRONS REGISTERED</u>			8,698
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>			
Preschool Storytime Sessions			104
Toddler Programs			4
School Visits (At Library)			33
School Visits (At Schools)			33
Other Children's Programs			31
Summer Reading - 153 Children Enrolled-Read 2,308 Books			
Adult Programs			11
Museum visits			145
Displays & Exhibits			27

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY  
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991

	TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNT	COPY MACHINE ACCOUNT	FINES ACCOUNT	GIFT ACCOUNT	BLDG. ACCOUNT	ROSALIE NORRIS ACCOUNT	TOTAL
BALANCE, July 1, 1990:							
Nashua Trust		\$6,403.79	\$8,950.27	\$13,696.57	\$4,487.34	\$3,965.21	\$37,503.18
CD's Hillsborough Bk.		\$2,604.92		\$35,441.11	\$16,426.85	\$30,525.00	\$84,997.88
TOTAL BALANCE	\$0.00	\$9,008.71	\$8,950.27	\$49,137.68	\$20,914.19	\$34,490.21	\$122,501.06
RECEIVED:							
Town Appropriation	\$216,085.00						\$216,085.00
Current Gifts				\$5,738.43			\$5,738.43
Library Fees			\$640.00				\$640.00
Interest & Dividends		\$301.71	\$488.44	\$3,578.86	\$1,385.45	\$1,501.82	\$7,256.28
Investment Transfer					\$25,000.00	\$1,740.96	\$26,740.96
Fines Assessed			\$8,707.24				\$8,707.24
Copy Machine Fees		\$3,957.12					\$3,957.12
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$216,085.00	\$4,258.83	\$9,835.68	\$9,317.29	\$26,385.45	\$3,242.78	\$269,125.03
TOTAL AVAILABLE:	\$216,085.00	\$13,267.54	\$18,785.95	\$58,454.97	\$47,299.64	\$37,732.99	\$391,626.09
EXPENDED:							
Salaries & Wages	\$168,165.92						\$168,165.92
Custodial Services	\$8,895.20						\$8,895.20
Bookkeeper	\$1,603.00						\$1,603.00
Books	\$23,456.89						\$23,456.89
Audio-Visual	\$1,544.40	\$225.09	\$14,142.09	\$6,321.99		\$3,770.89	\$47,691.86
Magazines & Microfiche	\$2,830.61	\$125.90	\$1,889.56	\$2,005.66			\$5,851.73
Telephone	\$1,760.56		\$162.88	\$887.33			\$4,006.72
							\$1,760.56

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY  
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991

	TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNT	COPY MACHINE ACCOUNT	FINES ACCOUNT	GIFT ACCOUNT	BLDG. ACCOUNT	ROSALIE NORRIS ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Building & Grounds	\$1,980.72			\$1,019.15	\$3,335.32		\$6,335.19
Service Contracts	\$1,094.32	\$655.77		\$300.00			\$2,050.09
Dues	\$220.00						\$220.00
Travel & Meetings	\$727.62						\$727.62
Education	\$498.00			\$300.00			\$798.00
Supplies & Postage	\$4,045.64	\$3,920.32		\$2,441.97			\$10,407.93
Bindery	\$307.20						\$307.20
Computer	\$1,780.32						\$1,780.32
Co-Op Services	\$200.00						\$200.00
Programming	\$310.91			\$1,169.06			\$1,479.97
Contingency				\$386.90		\$27.97	\$414.87
Capital Improvement				\$4,276.91	\$22,398.94		\$26,675.85
TOTAL EXPENDED:	\$219,421.31	\$4,927.08	\$16,194.53	\$19,108.97	\$25,734.26	\$3,798.86	\$289,185.01
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1991:							
Nashua Trust	(\$3,336.31)	\$5,735.54	\$2,591.42	\$3,904.89	\$5,138.53	\$3,409.13	\$17,443.20
CD# Hillsborough Bank				\$9,063.90		\$30,041.42	\$39,105.32
CD# Peterborough Bank		\$2,712.20		\$36,153.28			\$38,865.48
TOTAL BALANCE:	(\$3,336.31)	\$8,447.74	\$2,591.42	\$49,122.07	\$5,138.53	\$33,450.55	\$95,414.00

TREASURER'S COUPON AND NOTE REGISTER  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

PERIOD ENDING	COUPON RATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	DATE PAID
2/15/87	8.000	45000.00	45778.53	90778.53	2/13/87
8/15/87	8.000		34183.12	34183.12	8/13/87
2/15/88	8.000	45000.00	34183.12	79183.12	2/13/88
8/15/88	8.000		32383.12	32383.12	8/13/88
2/15/89	8.000	45000.00	32383.12	77383.12	2/13/89
8/15/89	8.000		30583.12	30583.12	8/13/89
2/15/90	8.000	45000.00	30583.12	75583.12	2/13/90
8/15/90	8.000		28783.12	28783.12	8/13/90
2/15/91	8.000	45000.00	28783.12	73783.12	2/13/91
8/15/91	8.000		26983.12	26983.12	8/13/91
2/15/92	8.000	45000.00	26983.12	71983.12	
8/15/92	8.000		25183.12	25183.12	
2/15/93	8.000	45000.00	25183.12	70183.12	
8/15/93	8.000		23383.12	23383.12	
2/15/94	8.000	45000.00	23383.12	68383.12	
8/15/94	8.000		21583.12	21583.12	
2/15/95	8.000	45000.00	21583.12	66583.12	
8/15/95	8.000		19783.12	19783.12	
2/15/96	8.000	45000.00	19783.12	64783.12	
8/15/96	8.000		17983.12	17983.12	
2/15/97	7.950	45000.00	17983.12	62983.12	
8/15/97	7.950		16194.37	16194.37	
2/15/98	7.750	45000.00	16194.37	61194.37	
8/15/98	7.750		14450.62	14450.62	
2/15/99	7.800	45000.00	14450.62	59450.62	
8/15/99	7.800		12695.62	12695.62	
2/15/00	7.900	45000.00	12695.62	57695.62	
8/15/00	7.900		10918.12	10918.12	
2/15/01	8.000	45000.00	10918.12	55918.12	
8/15/01	8.000		9118.12	9118.12	
2/15/02	8.050	45000.00	9118.12	54118.12	
8/15/02	8.050		7306.87	7306.87	
2/15/03	8.100	45000.00	7306.87	52306.87	
8/15/03	8.100		5484.37	5484.37	
2/15/04	8.125	45000.00	5484.37	50484.37	
8/15/04	8.125		3656.25	3656.25	
2/15/05	8.125	45000.00	3656.25	48656.25	
8/15/05	8.125		1828.12	1828.12	
2/15/06	8.125	45000.00	1828.12	46828.12	
		900000.00	730746.03	1630746.03	

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

This past year has been both a rewarding and a difficult year. We have seen our circulation and usage far exceed our expectations. This has been described by some as a sign of our economic times, a phenomenon when patrons borrow our books in greater number instead of buying them, when patrons make greater use of our reference materials to assist them in seeking new or different employment or just helping them learn to perform better at their present jobs. Our library is truly a source of information and our patrons are more and more requesting help in obtaining this information.

All of this activity has put pressure on our staff who are working the same number of hours as three years ago, but supporting a 30 percent greater circulation, not to mention the additional demands of assisting our patrons to obtain the information they desire. We are thankful that our automated circulation system is now a reality as it should free our staff of some of its clerical functions and allow them to concentrate more on serving you, our patrons.

We look forward to the opening of our own high school, but realize that this places an added responsibility upon our shoulders. We are enthusiastic about supporting the new school library and Mary Ann List, our Library Director, has been in contact with Kim Sands, Media Director of the Souhegan High School, so there can be an efficient coordination of effort. We realize that we are not the school's library, but we do have a responsibility to all students in Amherst to assist them in their studies, especially in the evenings and on weekends when we are their only source of information.

As always, we strive to operate as cost effectively as possible, asking the Town for as little money as we can to provide the services our patrons request of us. This is especially difficult now when our circulation is growing rapidly, when reference requests are increasing and donations from our patrons are dropping off. We hope the taxpayers will fully support our budget requests so that we can continue to operate your public library with as few cuts in service as possible.

We appreciate the conscientious efforts of our staff and our volunteers whose donation of time is invaluable to us. Most of all, we thank you, our patrons, for your support.



CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1991

NAME OF FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	FUNDS ADDED	INCOME RECEIVED	FUNDS EXPENDED	ENDING BALANCE
FIRE TRUCK	132,075.25	50,000.00	9,914.03	180,000.00	11,989.28
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	13,365.58	16,125.00	1,157.20	29,967.00	680.78
HIGHWAY VEHICLE	21,447.86	20,000.00	962.23	14,750.00	27,660.09
GRADER	76,129.65	8,500.00	4,952.97	0.00	89,582.62
RECREATION	1,215.29	0.00	0.00	60.00	1,155.29
RESCUE SQUAD	95,317.19	20,000.00	6,511.45	0.00	121,828.64
CEMETERY	18,693.95	0.00	1,123.99	17,042.90	2,775.04
BRIDGE	145,576.32	0.00	9,123.01	5,066.76	149,632.57
WATER PRECINCT	96,563.82	0.00	6,328.58	0.00	102,892.40
AMHERST VILL. BACK-UP	0.00	15,000.00	211.40	13,156.08	2,055.32
RESCUE SQUAD COMM.	4,016.76	37.37	0.00	4,030.00	24.13
ZONING VEHICLE	1,340.18	0.00	95.27	0.00	1,435.45
TOTALS	605,741.85	129,662.37	40,380.13	264,072.74	511,711.61

PRINCIPAL

# SHS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	BALANCE BEG YEAR	PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEG YEAR	INCOME RECEIVED	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:											
25000	US TREAS NOTES 9.125% 12/31/92	24,796.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,796.88		2,281.26		
25000	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 10/15/95	24,968.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,968.75		2,156.26		
25000	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 8/15/97	24,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,937.50		2,156.26		
100000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 8/15/97	0.00	55,004.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,004.00		0.00		
100000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 5/15/98	0.00	51,295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,295.00		0.00		
COMMON STOCKS:											
500	AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	12,690.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,690.03		660.00		
200	AMCO	10,422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,422.00		424.00		
750	BELLSOUTH	20,268.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,268.50		2,025.00		
100	CHEVRON CORP	3,170.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,170.66		315.00		
300	DUPONT (E.I.) DENEMOURS & CO	4,214.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,214.32		498.00		
200	GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	5,954.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,954.05		392.00		
300	IBM	33,902.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,902.02		1,452.00		
200	LILLY ELI & CO	11,566.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,566.82		564.00		
400	MINNESOTA MINING & MANUFACTURING	11,721.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,721.88		1,208.00		
800	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	14,421.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,421.88		1,560.00		
50	SYSCO CORP	0.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00		7.00		
25000	WA SVGS BANK C/D 9.05% 06/26/91	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00		4,373.62		
47000	NUMERICA SVGS BANK C/D 9.25% 03/09/91	47,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,000.00		0.00		
88000	PETERBOROUGH SVGS BANK C/D 9.65% 07/19/90	88,000.00	0.00	0.00	88,000.00	0.00	0.00		11,461.36		
1036.928	FEDERATED INTERM GOV'T TRUST	10,193.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,193.00		767.31		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOV'T	82,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,050.00		7,717.49		
	PRINCIPAL CASH ON HAND	66.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.45		0.00		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS OF COMMON FUND											
		456,194.84	107,949.00	0.00	113,000.00	0.00	457,322.74		40,318.56		
GENETERY LOTS											
		13,376.00	2,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,326.00		1,153.61		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS											
		469,570.84	110,899.00	0.00	113,000.00	0.00	473,648.74		41,472.17		

REPORT OF COMMON TRUST INVESTMENTS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1991

PRINCIPAL									
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PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:									
25000	US TREAS NOTES 9.125% 12/31/92	24,796.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,796.88		2,281.26
25000	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 10/15/95	24,968.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,968.75		2,156.26
25000	US TREAS NOTES 8.625% 8/15/97	24,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,937.50		2,156.26
100000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 8/15/97	0.00	55,004.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,004.00		0.00
100000	US TREAS SECUR 0.000% 5/15/98	0.00	51,295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,295.00		0.00
COMMON STOCKS:									
500	AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	12,690.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,690.03		660.00
200	AMCO	10,422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,422.00		424.00
750	BELLSOUTH	20,268.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,268.50		2,025.00
100	CHEVRON CORP	3,170.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,170.66		315.00
300	DUPONT (E. I.) DENOMURS & CO	4,214.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,214.32		498.00
200	GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	5,954.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,954.05		392.00
300	IBM	33,902.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,902.02		1,452.00
200	LILLY ELI & CO	11,566.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,566.82		364.00
600	MINNESOTA MINING & MANUFACTURING	11,721.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,721.88		1,208.00
800	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	14,421.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,421.88		1,560.00
50	SYSCO CORP	0.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00		7.00
25000	WII SVGS BANK C/O 9.55% 06/26/91	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00		4,873.62
47000	NUMERICA SVGS BANK C/O 9.25% 08/09/91	47,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,000.00		0.00
86000	PETERBOROUGH SVGS BANK C/O 9.63% 07/19/90	86,000.00	0.00	0.00	86,000.00	0.00	0.00		11,461.36
1036,928	FEDERATED INTERM GOV'T TRUST	10,193.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,193.00		767.31
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOV'T	82,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,050.00		7,777.49
	PRINCIPAL CASH ON HAND	66.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.45		0.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS OF COMMON FUND									
		456,194.84	107,949.00	0.00	113,000.00	0.00	457,322.74		40,318.56
CEMETERY LOTS									
		13,376.00	2,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,326.00		1,153.61
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS									
		469,570.84	110,899.00	0.00	113,000.00	0.00	473,648.74		41,472.17

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PRINCIPAL											
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COMMON INCOME INVESTMENTS:											
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 2/15/2001	19,223.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,223.00		0.00	0.00	
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 11/15/2002	16,456.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,456.50		0.00	0.00	
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 2/15/2003	16,090.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,090.50		0.00	0.00	
35,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 11/15/2004	9,639.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,639.00		0.00	0.00	
100	BELL ATLANTIC	7,444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,444.00		480.00		
100	PACIFIC TELEVIS	3,064.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,064.58		205.00		
200	SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICES	4,129.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,129.58		0.00		
835,242	FEDERATED INTERM GOV'T TRUST	8,210.43	0.00	0.00	8,051.73	(158.70)	0.00		(68.11)		
28000	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOV'T	29,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49,800.00		1,389.66		
62000	NH SVCS BANK C/D 6.5% 8/25/90	62,000.00	0.00	0.00	62,000.00	0.00	0.00		11,448.47		
	INCOME CASH ON HAND	175.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,545.75)		0.00		
	C/D ACRRUALS	3,387.20					1,748.34		(1,638.86)		
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND											
35,000	US TREAS BILLS 6/13/91	0.00	33,867.24	0.00	33,867.24	0.00	0.00		1,132.76		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 2/15/99	22,995.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,995.00		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 8/15/2000	20,111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,111.00		0.00		
50,000	US TREAS NOTES STRP 04/ 5/15/98	24,573.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,573.50		0.00		
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOV'T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,563.00		1,445.68		
	CASH ON HAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.44		0.00		
CEMETERY LOTS											
	FEDERATED SHORT-TERM GOV'T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00		0.00		
	CASH ON HAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.79		0.00		
						(158.70)	248,050.48				15,034.60
TOTAL INVESTED INCOME											

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PRINCIPAL									
# SHS	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	BALANCE BEG YEAR	PURCHASES	CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEG YEAR	INCOME RECEIVED
									EXPENDED DURING YEAR
									BALANCE END YEAR
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		715,050.36	144,766.24	0.00	216,918.97	(158.70)	741,699.22	245,479.52	56,506.77
									35,003.15
									266,983.14



## TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1991

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	INQ INVESTED	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
				BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CREATED	GAINS OR (LOSSES) SALE OF SECURITIES	CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR
COMMON TRUST FUNDS:												
1927	EMMA L. CLARK	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	2,380.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,380.18	133.47	218.62	158.65	193.44
1945	JAMES DAY	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	29,475.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,475.42	1,597.00	2,615.50	1,898.27	2,314.23
1923	FANNIE PARSONS FRENCH	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	4,745.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,745.60	266.17	435.90	316.38	385.69
1920	GEORGE W. GEORGE	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	2,378.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,378.49	133.39	218.46	158.55	193.30
1928	EDMOND M. PARKER	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	4,745.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,745.60	266.17	435.90	316.38	385.69
1957	ANNA W. BOARDMAN	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	7,820.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,820.53	438.52	718.32	521.26	635.58
1985	J. CARL SMITH	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	224.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.11	12.57	20.59	14.94	18.22
1985	H. SPALDING	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	866.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.73	48.54	79.61	57.71	70.44
1985	AUDRA & JAMES UNLESS	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	1,196.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,196.80	67.18	109.63	79.84	97.27
1988	HERBERT BOUTELLE	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	1,122.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,122.24	58.20	102.78	11.84	149.14
1942	DAVID E. FISK	HIGHWAY	COMMON TRUST	7,119.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,119.17	399.32	653.90	474.64	578.58
1967	AARON LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	COMMON TRUST	2,378.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,378.48	133.39	218.46	158.55	193.30
1864	SARAH L. LAWRENCE	SCHOOL	COMMON TRUST	42,114.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,114.34	2,361.89	3,868.25	2,807.46	3,422.68
1976	ISAAC SPALDING	SCHOOL	COMMON TRUST	41,191.75	2,195.24	0.00	0.00	43,386.99	4,157.54	3,897.83	2,694.21	5,561.16
1976	EDWARD A. CONTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOOL	COMMON TRUST	32,482.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,482.89	5,155.08	3,189.92	1,457.37	6,478.37
VAR.	JOSEPHINE HARE MEMORIAL	SCHOOL	COMMON TRUST	1,587.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,587.56	88.96	145.81	105.76	129.01
1932	GEORGE W. PUTNAM	CENETERY	COMMON TRUST	4,745.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,745.60	5,039.95	731.33	84.24	5,687.04
1938	ALICE M. WILKINS	CENETERY	COMMON TRUST	9,490.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,490.19	9,920.38	1,433.31	167.40	11,216.29
VAR.	OTHER	CENETERY	COMMON TRUST	25,561.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,561.05	26,726.16	3,913.11	450.73	30,188.54
VAR.	PERPETUAL CARE	CENETERY	COMMON TRUST	228,448.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	228,448.94	185,509.34	31,671.72	22,384.27	194,796.79
			SUB TOTAL	456,194.84	2,195.24	0.00	0.00	458,390.08	242,933.34	55,353.16	35,003.15	263,283.35
1987	CENETERY LOTS	MAINTENANCE	MONEY MARKET	13,376.00	2,950.00	0.00	0.00	16,326.00	2,546.18	1,153.61	0.00	3,699.79
			TOTAL	469,570.84	5,145.24	0.00	0.00	474,716.08	245,479.52	56,506.77	35,003.15	266,983.14

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

With the arrival of 1992, there is hope that New England is on the road to recovery. Values have dropped for three years in a row. Neighborhoods are changing and the need for changing the assessments has arrived. The in-house revaluation will begin the summer of 1992 with preparations currently underway.

The growth in net assessment for 1991 was up by only 1.01 percent. The actual assessment change was \$4,421,135. This figure is measured in 1984 dollars.

There were sixty-nine requests for abatements for 1991, but there are many pending appeals that were filed for prior tax years. It is expected that the appeals for the tax year of 1989 will be brought forward.

Under State Statutes, there are tax exemptions available to the elderly, disabled and veterans for those who qualify. The Assessing Office welcomes questions from any Amherst resident seeking information relative to these and other exemptions.

### EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT RATES

1984	-	100 Percent
1985	-	85 Percent
1986	-	66 Percent
1987	-	60 Percent
1988	-	55 Percent
1989	-	56 Percent
1990	-	63 Percent
1991	-	67 Percent

## AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1991 saw the end of an era in the Amherst Police Department. With the tragic passing of Chief John T. Osborn, Jr., the members of the Department stepped forward to carry on the tradition. And, although the man is gone, his legacy continues by providing the best possible police service to the Town at the lowest cost.

The Department operated much of the year with a staff reduced by a resignation, activations for Desert Storm, and the death of Chief Osborn. The remaining members of the Department were required to fulfill many roles above and beyond their normal duties, all of this in a year which saw a 23 percent increase in calls for service made to the Amherst Police. Although the overall incidents the police responded to were increasing, crimes and accidents declined. Crimes reported declined seven percent, while motor vehicle accidents dropped by 20 percent. Motor vehicle enforcement, an integral part of any highway safety effort, was up 29 percent overall, although the number of summons issued rose only six percent.

In our continuing effort to provide full service to the community, the Amherst Police are active in several programs. In cooperation with the Amherst School District, an assortment of programs are presented to the school children. The jewel of this effort is D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, now in its second year, offered to sixth grade students. The Department also offers a full array of crime prevention programs, including Neighborhood Watch, Operation ID, security surveys, and vacant house checks. Please contact us to avail yourself of any of these services.

Our Department mission continues to be to protect and serve all. It is anticipated with the opening of Wal Mart and the new high school, the workload of the Department will increase. Although no additional personnel are being requested in this budget, additional funds are being sought in both the part time and overtime accounts to provide for the necessary coverage.

Thank you for your continued support. It is this support that enables us to deliver a high level of service.

# SUMMARY OF POLICE SERVICES

	1989	1990	1991
Miles of Patrol	229,067	214,644	210,914
Accidents	326	269	214
Fatal Accidents	3	1	1
Alarms	613	638	701
Arrests	376	325	363
Alcohol Offenses	32	34	40
DWI	45	56	72
Drug Offenses	12	23	28
Arson	4	2	4
Assist Motorist	370	326	339
Assaults	48	47	34
Burglary	73	74	53
Criminal Mischief	217	149	149
Criminal Threatening	11	20	14
Criminal Trespass	20	47	32
Dog Complaint	283	280	398
Disturbances	131	109	107
Fire Calls	133	110	118
Fraud/Forgery	112	103	74
Homicide	2	0	0
Juvenile Detentions	121	114	130
Medical Assists	153	147	172
Missing Persons	26	14	37
Motor Vehicle Complaints	219	195	237
Nuisance Phone Calls	38	61	55
Open Doors	303	194	416
Pistol Permits	129	134	145
Stolen Motor Vehicle	10	11	8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	125	161	186
Thefts	192	171	190
Untimely Death	5	3	3
Summons/Warnings	8,157	9,587	12,411
Total Crimes	739	681	634
Total Incidents	4,728	4,493	5,514

## DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

New Hampshire RSA 466:30-a, adopted by the Town of Amherst in 1976, states that all dogs must be under their owners' control at all times. No dog may be allowed to run loose except on its owner's property. Any owner who disobeys this Statute is subject to legal action, including possible fines and, in certain cases, impoundment of the dog.

New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires all dogs over three months of age to be licensed by the Town. In order to be licensed, the owner must provide proof of current rabies vaccination. The Statute also requires the dog to wear both the license and rabies tag at all times. Owners have until May first to license their dog(s). A grace period of one month is allowed, after which a one dollar per month late fee is charged.

There were 872 dogs licensed in 1991, down 29 from 1990. Licenses were instrumental in locating the owners of a majority of stray dogs picked up by the Police in 1991. Without the licensing information, and with the absence of a lost animal report filed by the owner, the animal would have been taken to the Town kennel for seven days. If, after that time, the owner still could not be located, the dog would have been taken to a local animal shelter for disposition.

The incidence of rabies in wild animals, e.g. bats, skunks, foxes, raccoons, etc. is spreading. This is already a serious problem in Southern New England, even as close as the Nashua area where a rabid bat was reported in 1991. While the law does not currently require the vaccination of cats for rabies, it is strongly recommended this be done. Additionally, children should be warned not to try to handle ANY wild or stray animal. Any person bitten by any animal should report the incident to the Animal Control Officer at 673-4900. Every attempt should be made to identify the animal so it can be clinically observed for signs of rabies.

There were 398 animal complaints in 1991, up from 280 in 1990. The majority of these were for stray or loose dogs. With the growing pet population, it is more important than ever to control your dog, both for its safety and as a courtesy to your neighbors.

Thank you all once again for your cooperation and compliance during the past year.

CYNTHIA HENSLEY  
Animal Control Officer



## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Amherst Fire Department is currently staffed by 48 men and women who operate nine pieces of apparatus housed at the Central Fire Station on Amherst Street and the South Fire Station on Stearns Road.

The Department conducts training sessions twice a month in addition to certification and special courses. Department personnel have received the following certifications by the State of New Hampshire: Firefighter Level I - 23 men, Career Firefighter - 6 men, Firefighter Level II - 3 men, Firefighter Level III - 1 man. Six men are currently enrolled in the Firefighter Level I course and four in the Career Firefighter course.

In 1990, the Department responded to 249 calls as compared to 203 in 1990 and 223 in 1989. The breakdown for 1991 calls follows:

Alarm Malfunction	61	Motor Vehicle Fire	5
Assist Police	6	Mutual Aide Out	20
Bomb Scare	2	Outside Structure	4
Brush Fire	24	Power Line Down	18
Chimney Fire	14	Refuse Fire	4
Controlled Burn	15	Service Call	3
Electrical	3	Smoke in Building	13
False Alarm	11	Flammable Liquid Spill	20
Furnace Problem	4	Motor Vehicle Accident	2
Illegal Burning	10	Structure Fire	10

The apparatus responding to these calls were as follows:

Engine 1 - 113 Runs	Ladder 1 - 28 Runs
Engine 2 - 8 Runs	Tanker 1 - 49 Runs
Engine 3 - 105 Runs	Tanker 2 - 51 Runs
Engine 4 - 25 Runs	Utility 1 - 37 Runs
Engine 5 - 107 Runs	

The Department is also responsible for enforcement of the State Fire Code. This responsibility is met through the inspection activities involving several members of the Department. In 1990, the following inspection activities occurred:

Propane Furnace Installations	11
Oil Burner Installations	42
Underground Tank Removal	3
Chimney Inspections	2
Woodstove Inspections	13
Child Care License Inspections	6
Foster Home Inspections	5
Place of Assembly Permits	12

Educational Facility Inspections	3
Life Safety Code Inspections	147
Commercial Building Inspections	24

Burning permits are required for all open burning unless the ground is covered with snow. Permits may be obtained any day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Amherst Police Station. Permits are valid for one day only. Burning is permitted after 5:00 p.m. or when it is raining and must be extinguished by 9:00 a.m. the following day. Burning is permitted during the day while it is raining.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The responsibility for preparing the Town for major emergencies rests with the Emergency Management Department. Emergency preparedness is achieved through regular training involving various Town Departments, and assuring that the Town's Emergency Management Plan is kept up to date. In the event of a major emergency, the Emergency Management Plan is used to guide the actions of Town Officials.

Fortunately, Amherst did not experience any major emergencies during the past year; although Hurricane Bob was closely monitored by the Emergency Management Director. Should it become necessary to declare a State of Emergency in the Town of Amherst, Amherst is well prepared to protect its citizens.

If you wish to know more about Emergency Management, or can offer some assistance, please call Steve Bair at 673-1545 or 672-5148.

## RESCUE SQUAD

In 1991 the Amherst Rescue Squad responded to 504 calls for medical assistance, including 115 calls to Mont Vernon and 84 mutual aid calls to surrounding towns. Of these call, 295 were for home illness or chronic medical problems. 131 for motor vehicle accidents, 43 transfers from Milford Medical Center, and 13 industrial injuries. The remainder were either standbys, cancelled calls, or other rescue/medical problems.

Presently the Squad has two members in paramedic school and one member is seeking paramedic protocols with area hospitals. Squad training this year added Hazardous Materials Awareness, Rail Road Emergencies, Critical Incident Stress debriefing, and Radiological Emergency Response Procedures to its many hours of continuing education pursuits. Eighty percent of the Squad is defibrillation trained.

This year the Squad is requesting vehicle replacement through capital reserves. At present, the van ambulance (1A1), which does the majority of medical calls, is over four years old and the box type ambulance (1A2), that serves the dual purpose of ambulance and rescue vehicle, is over 16 years old.

In addition to providing emergency medical service for Amherst and Mont Vernon, the Amherst Rescue Squad stands by at Amherst Patriot football games, 4th of July Celebration, the Amherst Men's Club road race, and other public events in both towns. The Squad conducts blood pressure clinics, assists in manning disaster shelters when needed, and demonstrates the ambulance and rescue equipment to school children and other interested groups such as scouts. The cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructors on the Squad have conducted many CPR courses for the public and special groups. Over 1,000 hours of uncompensated time per Squad member are contributed by the volunteers of the Amherst Rescue Squad.

The Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post 2941 continues to attract active members between the ages of 15 and 21. In the past year several Explorers, upon reaching the age of 18, have become regular Squad members as licensed attendants. In addition, ten Explorers, are enrolled in medical training in order to medically assist the Squad under appropriate guidance when they have completed the training.

The Squad is always in need of additional personnel. Anyone interested in joining the Amherst Rescue Squad is encouraged to contact any of our members for information regarding membership. We are very much aware that it is through the continued support of the community that we are able to provide quality, up-to-date medical care in the event of sudden illness or injury.

## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ROAD COMMISSION

The following is a brief outline of the paving and rebuilding programs of the Highway Department for fiscal 1992-1993. These projects are done along with the regular maintenance of the roads, cemeteries, parks and playgrounds.

The Highway Block Grant is 100% State subsidized. It will include work on portions of the following roads: Horace Greeley Road, Chestnut Hill Road, Lake Road, Thornton Ferry Road II, Walnut Hill Road, Aglipay Drive, Brimstone Hill, Pinewood Drive, Ravine Road and School House Road.

Under the Road Improvement Program, portions of the following roads will be shimmed and paved: Old Mont Vernon Road and Mont Vernon Road.

Oiling - The Department plans to hot top portions of Mack Hill Road and Brookwood Drive.

Warrant Articles: \$58,000 for the paving of Pinnacle Road, Lord Jeffrey Drive, side streets at Baboosic Lake and Col. Wilkins Road.

\$17,000 the Town's share of the second of three installments, of the State's upgrading of the intersection of Route 122 and the Merrimack Road.

The New Boston Road Bridge project has been put on hold for another year, since there is not sufficient assets in the Bridge Capital Reserve to fund the project this year. Because of the economy, it was the decision not to ask taxpayers for additional monies at this time.

The pipe for the Horace Greeley Road Bridge has been purchased and the Amherst Highway Department was prepared to start the work in August of 1991. However, due to Hurricane Bob, the work was postponed until the summer of 1992.

Also due to Hurricane Bob, some additional expenditures were encountered. However, the required reports have been filed with the Federal Emergency Management Office and we anticipate receiving disaster assistance.

Our Department does not see any large capital expenditures, beyond the normal replacement of equipment. These replacements will be done with the Capital Reserve Funds.

The Director of Public Works and Road Commission wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen for their assistance and guidance during 1991, the dedicated employees of the Highway Department and the taxpayers for their continued support.



## RECREATION COMMISSION

In 1991, the Amherst Recreation Commission established a goal to better serve its program participants, coaches, officials, and parents by providing more in the area of youth camps, clinics, and coaching/referee training sessions. Many successful camps and clinics were conducted for each of the team oriented sports activities. The ARC will continue to promote growth in this very important area of the program.

Several new programs are on the horizon for 1992. One of which is a program in "Movement Education". This program will be offered in the spring of 1992 for children ages five and up and incorporates the use of one's body, mind, and creative expression through means of music, dance, and exercise. The instructor is one with a dynamic background in teaching a program of this nature. Other new program ideas are in the early planning stages such as throwing/kicking training walls for soccer, softball and baseball; a combination pitching machine; and netted cage for batting training.

The 1991 statistics continued to show an excellent increase in overall participation in all activities offered by the ARC. A total of 1815 boys and girls participated in Recreation Commission youth activities. (T-Ball 84, Baseball 326, Softball 115, Track 80, Baboosic Lake Swim Lessons & Team 310, Tennis Lessons 80; Soccer 330, Basketball 285, Jazzercise 30, Baseball/Softball Camps and Clinics 150.) The ARC also continued to sponsor, in conjunction with the Amherst Community Foundation, Roller Skating, Roller Skating lessons, and the annual Ski & Skate Swap.

The Adult Recreation program continues its popularity, offering Adult Basketball two evenings per week, and Co-Ed Volleyball two evenings per week. The program is in conjunction with the school calendar year, September through June, with activities being held at the Middle School Gymnasium. The annual Baboosic Beach Volleyball Tournament continues to be a huge success as well. Adult Tennis Lessons were again offered in May and June and instructed by Mrs. Ulla Johnson on the Davis Lane Courts. The Amherst Town Band, also sponsored by the ARC, continues to be successful. The band is viewed by the ARC as a tremendous asset to the Community.

The Senior Recreation Program continued to flourish in 1991. Day and overnight trips were coordinated for area seniors, seeing them travel to The Edaville Railroad; Casco Bay Cruise in Casco, Maine; The Mansions in Newport, Rhode Island; Bellows Falls, Vermont; The Lenox Hotel in Boston for "Manhattan"; Indian Head and Mill House Inn in Lincoln, and several others. Seniors continued to play bridge at the



Amherst Town Library twice per month. The annual Baboosic Lake Picnic had over one hundred area seniors there, enjoying a terrific barbecue and scenic pontoon boat rides. A goal of the Commission is to attract many more Amherst Seniors to the program by continuing to promote a healthy, positive, social environment where many friendships can be made.

The 1991 summer season at the Baboosic Lake Town Beach Complex was very successful. A swim lesson and general swimming program was coordinated for 180 families who purchased memberships. Guest fees were collected from nearly 2,500 individuals throughout the summer. Swimming lessons were provided for 300 children ages three and up. The Recreation Commission continues to attribute much of the success at Baboosic Lake to Commission member and Lake resident, Sue McCarthy; Head Lifeguard, Steve Schaefer; Concession Stand Coordinator, Ronni McNallen; and Arts/Crafts Coordinator, Renee Johnson. Together they have worked to produce a new playground, renovate the bathroom facilities, establish a solid swim team, establish an excellent Arts/Crafts program, establish a terrific concession stand, train and oversee experienced waterfront personnel, and generally coordinate the quality of physical improvements to the complex. Swim Lesson Coordinator, Carol Tingleff, was added to the 1991 staff and immediately instituted a creative and versatile children's pre-school swim developmental program. As in the past, on-going water tests show the water to maintain a high standard for recreational use. The State Department of Environmental Services wrote two very positive reports on the quality of the water and the cleanliness of the entire facility at two different times during the summer of 1991.

The Recreation Commission continues to utilize its comprehensive Field Maintenance Program for both Town and School playing fields. The program continues to provide the Town of Amherst with quality athletic turfs, which in turn yields a safe playing condition for the many participants/organizations who utilize the fields throughout the year. The coordinated effort of the ARC, Highway Department, and School Custodial personnel yielded tremendous cost effective results in performing field maintenance related tasks throughout the year. The ARC coordinated a project which now allows the Middle School playing field to be properly irrigated. Also, in November of 1991, the ARC coordinated a volunteer effort to re-sod and rebuild both ball diamonds adjacent to the Middle School. In the spring, the Spalding Field diamonds were also worked on at length by a tremendously committed volunteer, Robin Horden of Amherst. The ARC continues to provide advisory assistance regarding the construction of the Souhegan High School Fields throughout the building and maintenance process. Lastly, the Town of Amherst was able to host several Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Tournaments attended by other communities who

all were extremely complimentary of our Town's playing fields. We "are" and "should" be proud of the athletic fields in this community.

The philosophy of the Amherst Recreation Commission remains constant, with a large emphasis put on getting many people of all ages to participate and enjoy recreation as a whole. The Commission is constantly attempting to improve and provide fair and equitable standards for such entities as team selections, playing time requirements, league/age/grade distribution levels, and other program matters. The major goal of the Commission is to continue to sponsor programs which meet the needs of individuals of all ability levels. Important concepts such as commitment, sportsmanship, camaraderie, and skill development remain an integral part of each and every program developed and governed by the ARC.

The Amherst Recreation Commission is more than aware that it is members of the community who really make recreation happen. Volunteers have helped in many ways in 1991, some which include: The Highway Department crews for performing many helpful tasks connected with recreation, the Amherst Soccer Club and Amherst Patriots Football organizations for donating many hours of volunteer work and financial donations into the area of field and care maintenance, the Amherst Athletic Association for helping to prepare and maintain the Boston Post Road diamond for baseball, the Amherst Rescue Squad for first-aid courses offered for coaches and lifeguards, all of the Amherst Men's Club and Amherst Community Foundation donations, the Lions, Lioness and Junior Women's Club for all donations and assistance, and the Amherst School District Administrators and Custodial Personnel for their continuing efforts in coordinating space and facilities used for our recreational programs. A "Special Thanks" to the hundreds of volunteers who expend so much time, effort, and energy as coaches, referees, scorers, timers, field laborers, and helping hands of Amherst Recreation.

## ZONING/PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The year of 1991 was certainly one of transition. Primary land use changes along the Route 101A corridor were the start-up of the 119,000 square foot Wal-Mart store and the unfortunate fall-out of several small businesses, which were impacted by a persistent recession. The Town's sign ordinance was an item of constructive discussion by our Planning Board, merchants, and Zoning Office. This joint dialogue added a positive perspective to the need to constantly evaluate the effectiveness and function of our local codes. Along these lines, the Zoning/Planning Office encourages constructive feedback on the operations of the office.

Total permits issued this past year were slightly higher than in 1990. Approximately sixty percent of the issued permits in 1991 were for home renovations. The new Souhegan High School and the Wal-Mart store were the primary construction projects. At the time of this writing (early January 1992), both of these projects were about fifty percent built with anticipated completion dates of June 1992.

As we look ahead to 1992, I envision a strong team effort in the creation of a thoughtful and futuristic capital improvements plan for the Town. Given the current economic times, this municipal assignment will be beneficial in anticipating future fiscal demands for the rest of this decade. Coupled with this project will be a departmental assessment of permit-review process and new approaches to better serve the public.

1991 PERMITS ISSUED FOR:	PERMITS	VALUE
New Residences	19	\$ 2,859,000
Residential Additions/Alterations	172	1,168,469
New Commercial/Industrial	7	4,086,000
Comm./Ind. Alterations/Additions	37	377,195
Foundations Only	5	
Souhegan High School	1	13,000,000
Signs	26	13,410
Pools	9	98,450
Fence/Historic District	3	3,500
Demolish Farm House & Stand	1	
Driveways	2	6,000
Denied	7	
Withdrawn	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>\$21,612,024</b>
Zoning/Building Inspections	4,264	
Violations and Complaints	110	
Total	4,374	

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment hears requests for relief from zoning regulations from citizens who have a unique property or property use situation. This year, 1991, the Board heard two cases that were tabled from 1990 and fifteen new applications. The results of our hearings follow:

Variances	Approved	7	Denied	5
Request for Rehearing	Granted	1		
After Rehearing	Approved	1		
Special Exceptions	Approved	2		
Appeal/Administrative Decision	Upheld	3		
Case Withdrawn		1		

The Board of Adjustment meets in open, public sessions and deliberates in open session as well. All citizens and interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

## POPULATION AS COMPILED BY THE TOWN'S CENSUS

1960 - 2,051	1970 - 4,893	1980 - 9,476	1990 - 10,441
1961 - 2,182	1971 - 5,397	1981 - 9,395	1991 - 10,481
1962 - 2,240	1972 - 5,978	1982 - 9,051	
1963 - 2,350	1973 - 6,632	1983 - 9,579	
1964 - 2,625	1974 - 7,009	1984 - 9,746	
1965 - 2,761	1975 - 7,055	1985 - 10,131	
1966 - 3,064	1976 - 7,690	1986 - 10,149	
1967 - 3,377	1977 - 8,400	1987 - 10,171	
1968 - 3,799	1978 - 8,877	1988 - 10,029	
1969 - 4,397	1979 - 9,220	1988 - 10,141	



## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The year of Amherst Planning Board activity is best characterized as one of substantially reduced activity due to the down-turn in the economy and the associated slow-down of both commercial and residential development. Fewer proposed developments were presented for approval but several of those that came before the Board were notable for their size, planning issues and potential impacts. The Town saw the commencement of a long-term effort with the completion of the first units constructed under the Affordable Housing Ordinance. In addition, the Board lost, through retirement, one of its most valuable resources and a distinguished member.

Early in the year, the Board undertook a much discussed revision to the Sign Ordinance and revised the suspended ordinance for the transfer of development rights. Both items were approved by the voters in March. The most remarkable zoning change occurred in the industrial tracts on Route 101A, several of which were rezoned for commercial use in response to continuing development trends in the retail areas.

The two most notable projects to receive approval were the Souhegan Regional High School and Wal-Mart. Planning Board approval of the high school was not required under the RSA's but the School District provided residents the opportunity to discuss the project in the formal site plan review process. Wal-Mart approached the Town about the development of a 130,000 square foot retail store in the newly created commercial zone on Route 101A. Mitigation of the potential impacts of the project required the developer to construct extensive off-site infrastructure improvements that have benefited traffic movements on the external roadways. The Board was aided in its deliberations by the inputs of the Fire Department, Police Department, Road Commission and Conservation Commission. The approvals process serves as prime example of cooperation among these groups. As a final action, the Board negotiated the protection of an endangered plant species found on the site.

Two individuals who made enormous contributions to the Planning Board and the Town left the service of the Board during the year. Long-time Zoning Administrator, Russell Abbate, retired in July. With his departure, the Town lost more than a decade of irreplaceable experience. Thomas Ursia was appointed to fill the position of Zoning Administrator by the Selectmen. Betty Arnold retired from the Board, ending her years of public service to the Town. Her knowledge of the land in Amherst exists nowhere else and her insights will be greatly missed in future deliberation. The character of the Town of Amherst is a fitting reminder to their perseverance in helping to establish and maintain the planning zoning process.



## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

The Historic District Commission consists of seven members and three alternates, all of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission meets once per month and by ordinance is charged with the responsibility of reviewing all applications for building permits as well as for exterior renovations within the District.

In early 1991, Historic District Commission "Guidelines" were completed, reviewed by Town Counsel, and placed in the Town Library along with the reference material the Commission used in drawing up the guidelines. The reference material includes the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation - Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" as well as "Preserving Community Character" which is published by the New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions. Both manuals are excellent sources of information and are especially important if one contemplates making changes to an historic house. Copies of the Commission's Guidelines are also on file in the Town Hall Zoning Office.

While the Commission has worked diligently in its effort to promote historic preservation, it has also become increasingly concerned about conditions within the District. Much of the green space is eroding due to high use and sidewalks which once provided safe passage for children and walkers have virtually disappeared. In addition, many areas that were once designated "green space" have now been taken over by cars and trucks.

Because of the current budget restraints, it is almost impossible for the Town to tackle a beautification project at this time. However, the Commission remains deeply concerned about maintaining the beauty of the Village and at present is turning to community organizations in its effort to raise funds. At the moment the Commission is focused on restoring a ruined sidewalk and planting grass along Boston Post Road - just before one reaches the newly named Village Green Market. If fund raising efforts are successful, the project will be completed in the summer of 1992.

In closing, the Commission would like to add its voice to the many who have given their thanks to Barbara Landry and Russ Abbate, both of whom retired in 1991. Both Barbara and Russ have given tremendous support to the Commission and we are grateful for their wise counsel as well as for the opportunity to have known them.

## SEWER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The Sewer Implementation Committee continued its program towards providing a sewer system to the Industrial-Commercial area along Route 101A in South Amherst.

In 1991, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services completed the Wasteload Allocation Study for the Souhegan River. In August of 1991, the draft report of the Wasteload Allocation Study was made public. The findings of this study reopened the discussions with Milford regarding the possibility of use of the Milford Wastewater Treatment Facility. Since August, the Wasteload Allocation Committee has been working further with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in review of the draft report and the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Director in order to ascertain further the potential for working with the Town of Milford.

In addition, the Committee has been reviewing the cost for sewers to the Bon Terrain area. These costs were originally estimated in 1987. We anticipate that in the first quarter of 1992, we will complete our investigation of these issues and, if it appears viable, make a presentation to the Town of Milford with respect to utilizing to the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility.

In conclusion, the Committee has been very active, although in a low key posture. We extend our thanks to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for providing the Wasteload Allocation Study at no cost to the Town of Amherst and look forward to our continued cooperative effort with Milford with respect to evaluating potential for working with them on this important project. We expect that the efforts will continue at a steady pace with the hopes of the future successful implementation of a sewer program for this important aquifer and industrial area in the Town of Amherst.

## NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This past year was a difficult, yet productive, one for NRPC and its member communities. It is heartening to see that while the pace of development has slowed considerably in our region, local leaders have recognized that now is the time to be planning and investing in our future. I am pleased to submit to the Amherst Town Report a brief summary of our key accomplishments for 1991.

**PLANNING BOARD TRAINING:** We conducted four workshops, aimed at the needs of our local planning board members but open to all interested parties in the region, on the following topics: Stormwater Management, Wetland Delineation, Open Space Zoning and Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

**NASHUA AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY:** Considerable progress was made on the development of a comprehensive highway plan for the region with the collection of exhaustive traffic and household survey data, a thorough inventory of existing conditions, plus the calibration of a sophisticated transportation model used for future projections.

**1990 CENSUS:** With the completion of the Federal decennial census, and in our role as a Regional Data Center for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, we equipped the agency to more quickly respond to the information needs of our communities and began the organization and distribution of the first series of Census data.

**MERRIMACK RIVER:** We completed another phase in our Merrimack River Corridor Management Program working with the four riverfront communities to evaluate local regulations on stormwater management, erosion control, wetland protection, groundwater management and shoreland protection. In addition, we developed and implemented a volunteer river water quality monitoring program, and we prepared and distributed educational materials on household water pollution reduction.

**MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:** We continued to work with Local, State and Federal officials to spur the implementation of this region's most significant highway projects including the Everett Turnpike widening, the Circumferential Highway and the Route 101A Bypass. NRPC also contributed to the preparation of the environmental impact statements for both the Circumferential and 101A, and we encouraged and coordinated public participation for the projects.

**SOLID WASTE:** In pursuit of a long range intermunicipal solution to the problem of municipal solid waste disposal, we worked with both the regional Solid Waste Management District and the City of Nashua to investigate the feasibility of an integrated waste management project; and we established our

agency as liaison between our communities and the Governor's Recycling Program.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:** In conjunction with the Solid Waste Management District, our staff conducted two very successful events: A Spring "paint only" collection in Nashua and a comprehensive collection at four sites around the region in the Fall.

**REGIONAL HISTORIC RESOURCES:** Recognizing the wealth of historic buildings and sites found in our communities as well as the threat to their preservation, we completed an historic resources assessment of the region and produced a report that also includes local histories and a description of local architectural styles.

**HERITAGE TRAIL:** In 1988, the idea of a continuous trail from Massachusetts to Canada was formally authorized by the N.H. Legislature; and over the course of the last year, NRPC has been working both as a member of the State's Heritage Trail Advisory Committee and with our interested communities to plan for local trail segments along the Merrimack River.

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM:** To enhance our capacity for computer based mapping and information management, we continued to invest in our G.I.S. through the creation of additional data layers including road networks, land use, zoning, Census boundaries and aquifer resources.

**TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM:** With counters at over 100 locations, we maintained a regional traffic count system to provide the most accurate and current data to meet local, state and regional needs.

**LOCAL LAND USE FEES:** We conducted and published our annual survey of the municipal building and development fees assessed by the region's communities, a popular document among local officials and members of the development community.

**REGIONAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES:** We completed a study of the high yield aquifers in the region and focused on those ground water resources that extend beyond municipal boundaries to encourage an intermunicipal approach to their long term protection. We were also very involved with the Department of Environmental Services in developing the statewide Wellhead Protection Program.

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Given the critical need to expand employment opportunities in the region and to enhance the local property tax base, NRPC assisted the City of Nashua and the Nashua Area Chamber of Commerce in formulating an economic strategic plan for the region and in fostering a regional economic partnership involving all of our



communities.

**FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT:** In conjunction with the N.H. Office of Emergency Management, we provided assistance to a number of communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program including assessments of flood prone areas, reviews of current regulations and suggested revisions to existing ordinances.

**AMHERST SPECIAL PROJECTS:** As a part of our Geographic Information System development, we produced a new and very accurate base map of the Town, including the road network as well as identified surface water bodies, from recent aerial photography. In addition, both a generalized land use and a zoning overlay were digitized and formatted into the Amherst and the regional data base.

Let me close by adding a note of thanks and recognition to our Commissioners from Amherst: Martin Michaelis, Norman Katz, Addie Hutchison, and Doug Kirkwood; and by expressing my gratitude for this opportunity to communicate directly with the people of Amherst through the Town Report.

DON E. ZIZZI  
Executive Director



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In addition to its traditional role of acquiring and protecting land, the Conservation Commission has continued their involvement in education and land management. The Commission is working to make its activities true community projects that will encourage the participation and interaction of all of our citizens.

In 1991, the Conservation Commission provided half-scholarships to the Forest Society Camp for four local youngsters. We plan to sponsor interested students again this year. We also gave a grant to the School Board to start a nature program at the Wilkins School that we hope will become an integral part of the school curriculum. In addition, we are affiliated with an after-school nature program at the Wilkins School that is in its second year. We have met with the administration of the new High School to discuss joint projects, including an inventory of the Town's natural resources.

The Commission again joined with the Earth Day Committee to organize the town-wide roadside trash pickup last spring. We also led walks of some of the Town's land during the fall.

The Town acquired 119 acres of land abutting Joe English Conservation Area with the help of funds from New Hampshire's Land Conservation Investment Program. We have a beautiful new hiking trail on the Haseltine land, thanks to Eagle Scout Adam Welman.

In 1992, we hope to continue to enhance the quality of life in Amherst through land acquisition and management, conservation education, and awareness.

## WELFARE REPORT

Welfare has become the biggest and fastest growing business in New Hampshire. The state of the economy has affected all types of industry, all types of families - no one is immune to the cutbacks, layoffs, and slow downs. Through November 1991, the State of New Hampshire lost 18,000 jobs. In the period of October through November, 3,300 jobs were lost and the hoped for pick-up during the holiday season in December never materialized.

The federally funded fuel assistance program was delayed two months with doors opening for the first time in 1991 on December 2nd. During 1990, Amherst had 43 households or 113 people serviced by this program. This program was cut-back with the elderly and disabled, who had been assisted previously, considered first. Because of the uncertain impact this would have on our Town, contact was made to several community organizations which resulted in the generous donation from the Amherst Lions Club, Amherst Lioness and Junior Women's Club each in the amount of \$500.00. A contribution from the Newcomer's Club purchased 33 gallons of fuel. Many local citizens also acquired wood, cut and distributed it to the elderly.

As a member of the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association, sponsored through the New Hampshire Municipal Association, I have attended monthly meetings and gained tremendous insight to the numerous state and federally funded programs available to our residents in need. A seminar sponsored by Public Service of New Hampshire has also alerted me to the "special needs program" the utility company has available to unemployed residents, elderly on a fixed income and medically needy. They are willing to set up "arrangements" and encourage their customers to contact them when they have a problem and not wait until they receive a disconnect notice. The "Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program" is also sponsored by PSNH. Our citizens are encouraged to seek the many alternative programs that are accessible to them and turn to the Town only as a temporary measure.

Because of these alternative avenues and the newly adopted "Welfare Guidelines", the Welfare budget for the fiscal year 1991, beginning in July, has decreased. Also on the plus side, the Town has received approximately \$12,500 in welfare lien pay backs.

Our biggest hope is that our economy will turn around and this budget will not continue to be a strain on the community as a whole.

## WORK FAIR PROGRAM

The Work Fair Program, the brain child of Selectman Richard Verrochi, was instituted this year. The program does not encompass the Welfare Department in its entirety, but is geared to include citizens in need of work and people and companies both in Amherst and surrounding towns who are looking for help.

This simple plan of joining people seeking full or part time employment with those who have something to offer, has no cost to the Town. We do not get involved in payment for the services rendered but leave the monetary issue up to the two parties involved.

It should be pointed out that the Work Fair Program, derived sufficient publicity by the Associated Press, local newspapers and Boston's Channel 4, that calls from numerous towns throughout New England and as far away as Washington, D.C. were received seeking advice on how to set it up and how it works.

This program first suggested in May and finally instituted in June, has helped over one hundred people on both sides of the spectrum.

At the moment, the Work Fair Program has slowed down and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the program is still alive and well. I welcome and encourage calls - we have an abundance of people on the list with a variety of skills and a great need to work.

### NASHUA MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Nashua Mediation Program served fourteen youths from Amherst in 1990.

Since 1982, the Nashua Mediation Program has been providing mediation services, free of charge, to any family in Amherst experiencing conflict or communication difficulties. We welcome referrals from the court, police, schools, DCYS, town officials, social service agencies or the family involved.

Families referred to the Nashua Mediation Program may be experiencing difficulty with communication, generational conflict, substance abuse, school truancy, separation or divorce, economic stress, acting out, runaways, delinquent behavior or child abuse/neglect.

Results of participation in the Mediation Program include: better communication between family members, a clearer understanding of the issues involved in the dispute, an acquisition of skills that can be used in resolving future conflicts, reduced tension and conflict within the family, and a sense of success at dealing effectively with family problems through self control.

CANDACE DOCHSTADER  
Coordinator

### SOUHEGAN VALLEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The SVAH, now in its twelfth year of providing employment to more than 30 handicapped men and women, respectfully asks that we be included when the Town of Amherst makes donations to non-profit organizations such as ours.

These are especially difficult times and we recognize the mounting needs of many worthy causes. We ask that you evaluate our record of service to the business community and the handicapped we employ. If we are to remain viable, we must count on your generosity while we increase our volume from sales of goods and services.

SVAH is now under new management. We have several new, dedicated members on our Board of Directors. We are all committed to building a business which meets the needs of our customers and of the special people we employ. Our goal is to grow rapidly through a better sales effort and with decreasing reliance on grants and contributions. For now, however, our needs are urgent and considerable.

GUY MAINELLA  
Executive Director

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NASHUA, N.H., INC.

We have keyed our efforts in this year's budget process to minimizing increases in program cost items, while still providing the level, range and quality of services needed and demanded in our service area.

While the recession continues without even distant relief in sight, the needs of our clients in your community for mental health services increase proportionately, aggravated by unemployment, anticipated or actual loss of homes, and the inability to sustain an acceptable standard of living.

These relatively short-term adult outpatient problems, because they do not qualify as major and chronic mental illness, are not supported by the N.H. Division of Mental Health and Developmental services. Thus, your municipality's funding support, which is necessary even in the best of economic times, is absolutely vital in the current economy as residents become not only more dependent on our services, but also less able to pay the full cost of these services as they lose, or sustain significantly reduced levels of employer-sponsored health care benefits.

Our 1992 budget for the entire adult outpatient program has increased only 2/10ths of one percent from 1991. We are confident that with your financial and moral support and our realistic cost and service projections, we will be able to serve all of the mental health needs of your residents at fees based on their ability to pay.

As we approach our 70th year of service, we look forward to being able, with your support, to continue to serve the mental health needs of your community.

CAROL S. FARMER, Director  
Administration & Support Services



ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

St. Joseph Community Services has served eighteen Amherst residents during fiscal year 1991. Of the eighteen, one person was served Meals-On-Wheels on Title XX, for proven low income any age. That program is augmented by the County government.

St. Joseph's is requesting \$60.00 per client for the seventeen Amherst residents served through the Senior Center on Merrimack Road in Amherst.

Among other services, we are noted for our abilities to provide as follows:

**Nutritional Meals:** Meals designed by our team in conjunction with the Marriott Corporation for any number of meals per week.

**Outreach:** Activity designed to locate and identify hard-to-reach, isolated and withdrawn elderly on a one-to-one basis to disseminate information about available services and assist them in gaining access to needed services. Such services must include arranging for referral and follow-up of individuals found in need.

**Information:** Activity designed to provide an older person with current and relevant information.

**Referral:** Activity designed to help an older person identify appropriate resources and services, offered by other than the Agency Program, which meet their needs.

**Health Counseling and Related Services:** Services of assisting individuals to attain and maintain a favorable condition of health by helping them to identify and understand their health needs and to secure and use necessary medical treatment.

**Nutrition Education:** A formal program of regularly scheduled meetings to make available facts about the kind and amount of foods required to meet one's daily nutritional needs. May also include providing information about special nutritional needs due to illness. Such education may or may not be a part of a Title III-C program.

**Recreation:** Activity designed to provide the elderly with time for entertainment in the form of library, bingo, cards, arts and crafts, visits or trips to various places, i.e. annual picnic.

ELAINE T. LYONS  
Executive Director

## SOUHEGAN NURSING ASSOCIATION

Souhegan Nursing Association has been providing services in Milford, Amherst, and Mont Vernon since 1948. Home health care is available to all age groups, using a sliding fee scale based on income.

Our goal continues to be to provide services with commitment, care and professionalism. We meet new challenges every day as health care at home becomes more complex. Nationally, home health care has experienced unprecedented growth and change, and is emerging as an integral part of the health care continuum. In addition, in these tough economic times, more families are looking for help from community service programs.

The skilled services of registered nurses and rehabilitation therapists, along with home health aides and homemakers is provided in the individual's home. The private duty service of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Certified Nurses Aides and Companions may also be obtained.

Community service programs are provided both at the office in Milford and at outreach sites. Well child physicals, childhood immunization, influenza immunizations, blood pressure screening, foot care clinics, CPR classes and a caregivers' group are offered.

The Agency's caring, moderately priced services allow many people to continue to live independently in their own homes. Other options would be more expensive and restrictive.

Community support enables Souhegan Nursing Association to provide needed care and services to individuals at all income levels.

ALVAN W. HICKS, President  
Board of Directors

## RECYCLING REPORT

We've come a long way since we first initiated our voluntary recycling program back in June 1989. However, it is just a beginning, we have a long way to go. To reach a realistic recycling goal of 30 percent by the end of 1993 and promote greater participation, the Amherst Recycling Committee was formed. With the help of the Selectmen, a call went out for help in promoting and increasing our recycling efforts. The first meeting of the new committee met in May 1991, to start brainstorming ideas and ways to increase awareness, educate and convince all the townspeople that recycling is the way of the future. Recycling is a small something each one of us can do to reduce our solid waste problems. We buy it and use it, we have to take the responsibility of proper disposal.

The committee meets once a month, on the first Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. We welcome your ideas and help. One recurring theme at our meetings, is education. Our main thrust are ways of how we get the information out, so that everyone is properly informed and anxious to practice the three R's, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. That's our challenge. The recycling guides have been widely distributed, but for those who do not have one, they are available at the Transfer Station (ask attendant), Library, Town Hall and on the Post Office bulletin board at the entrance.

Our schools have been provided with a variety of resource materials. A "hands on" curriculum on reducing solid waste and recycling is being used at each of the schools. Paper recycling: Every classroom has an extra "paper basket" to collect mixed paper for recycling, collected by the schools' hauler, BFI. They are also practicing reducing and reusing. School composting of cafeteria waste is another exciting and practical learning experience. Students are fascinated at what was once garbage waste, can be transformed into rich, dark, odor free dirt for planting and soil enrichment. Composting is a major part of this solution to solid waste woes. Start one.

Great news at the Amherst Transfer Station: We have long awaited this change ... the "old landfill (dumping area) section" has been permanently closed, capped (plastic lining, sand-mix cover, loam), graded and ready for seeding. The entire recycling center will be re-located down (bottom of the hill) in this new area by spring. It will be transformed into a more visible, convenient orderly accessed station. The committee is busy working with the Town and Commission on traffic patterns, signs, beautifying and broadening the recycling field at this new location.

The answer to the garbage dilemma lies not in a new disposal technology, but in changing the paradigm from disposal to

reuse. We recycling proponents say the Federal government could do much more to boost supplies of secondary materials and demand for them, thus closing the recycling loop. Lets hope the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), designed to ensure safe disposal of everything from industrial hazardous waste to household trash is re-authorized soon. In the meantime, reduce, reuse and recycle and the committee will do its best to keep you informed on the household hazardous waste collections, annual street cleanups and recycling news. Don't waste the 90's.

S.R.L.D. RECYCLING UPDATE  
AMHERST, BROOKLINE, HOLLIS, MONT VERNON  
12 MONTHS

Recycling: 16%

(Not including used oil, tires, metal scrap, compost)

Newspaper: 524 Tons (12 tons per week)

Taken by Knoxland Dairy Farm in Weare, NH - shredded for animal bedding by farmer

Corrugated Cardboard: 156 Tons (3 tons per week)

Taken to the Container Corp., 101A for recycling. Hope to increase this. Please take advantage of the opportunity to use the recycling bin for your corrugated, NOT the compactor.

Co-Mingling: 520 Tons (10 tons per week)

Glass, plastic, tin and aluminum food containers - taken to BFI in Hooksett, NH for recycling. \$12.00 a ton plus transportation for a total cost of \$38.00/ton.

Trash: 6,800 Tons

Taken to the incinerator in Penacook, NH at \$50.00 plus transportation for a total cost of \$70.00/ton. We can't afford not to recycle.

Compost Material: 2,500 Yards (Amherst Only)

Used as a cover for capping.

Future Plans: Increase recycling; magazines and catalogs collected; increase composting (at Transfer Station).

## JULY FOURTH REPORT

Theme: "Proud to be an American ... Welcome Home!"  
Marshal: Creeley S. "Buck" Buchanan  
Float Judge: Louise Marley  
Speakers & Four Desert Storm Veterans of Amherst:  
Honored Guests: 1st Lt. David O. Tiedemann, U.S. Army  
Staff Sgt. Warren Green, U.S. Army  
Lance Corporal Bill Staffiere, U.S. Army  
Capt. James Wilson, U.S. Naval Reserves  
Citizen of the Year: Peg Jones  
Awards: Plaque of Appreciation posthumously to John T. Osborn, Chief of Police 1976-1991  
Patriots Pop Warner Youth Award in memory of Richard Infantine, presented by Sue Infantine  
Winning Floats:  
"Best Overall" - Grella & Son Landscaping  
"Marie Grella Best in Theme" - Junior Women's  
"Dorothy Davis Memorial Plaque Most Original" - Amherst Congregational Church  
"Most Colorful" - Rescue Squad  
"Chairman's Choice" - High Hopes  
Paraders of Note: U.S. Congressman Dick Swett  
Governor's Councilor Bernie Streeter  
Weather: Clear, Sunny, Lovely  
Events: July 3 - 7:00 p.m. Amherst Town Band and Cake  
July 4 - 8:00 a.m. Booths Open on Green  
9:00 a.m. "To be an American" Musical  
10:00 a.m. Parade through the Village  
11:00 a.m. Ceremonies  
July 7 - 9:00 a.m. Softball Tournament  
Winners: Teachers' Team  
Thanks To: APD, AHD, ARS, ARC, Tom Olsen, Gerry Zimmer, Lions, Men's Club, Coronis Cleaners, Town Band, Marilyn Kelley, Flowers by Marie, John Foster, Bob Brown, Buck Buchanan, Joe Luongo.

## MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Marshal: Norman Douglas  
Speakers: AMS Essay Winners: Lyn Lowney, Leslie Schaub  
Guests: Rich Lapoint, President AMS Student Council  
Weather: Clear  
Participants: Veterans, AMS Band, MASH Band, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, State Reps, Selectpersons  
Ceremonies: Sunset Parade, Ceremonies, Town Band Concert and Picnic  
Thanks To: AHD, APD, Tom Olsen, Amherst Town Band, Flowers by Marie, Jean Butler, AMS English and Music Departments.



## SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING

March 12, 1991

Voting for Town offices was held on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at Wilkins School. The business part of the meeting took place on Thursday night, March 14th.

Acting under warrant for Town Meeting, the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. 856 ballots were cast.

### Article 1

#### Election of Town Officers

Selectmen	(2)	Marilyn Peterman	580 Votes 3 Yrs
		Randall H. Bragdon	567 Votes 3 Yrs
		Robert W. Brown	331 Votes 3 Yrs
Treasurer	(1)	Elizabeth Overholt	733 Votes 3 Yrs
Board of	(2)	David Chen	494 Votes 3 Yrs
Adjustment		Douglas Kirkwood	385 Votes 3 Yrs
		Jeffrey F. Purtell	266 Votes 3 Yrs
Trustee of	(1)	Stephen Mantius	704 Votes 3 Yrs
Trust Funds			
Library	(2)	Anne Q. O'Brien	701 Votes 3 Yrs
Trustee		Harold Struss	676 Votes 3 Yrs
Supervisor	(1)	Geraldine R. Porter	736 Votes 5 Yrs

of Checklist

### Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for the Town of Amherst:

Sections enclosed in [ ] are to be deleted.

Material underlined is to be added.

#### Amendment 1, Housekeeping

- Section 6-3 [Paragraph J]. Delete Paragraph J which allows Zoning Board of Adjustment to authorize temporary use permits.
- Section 3-7, Paragraph C. Minimum size of manufactured housing to be identical to State requirements.
- Section 4-8 [Paragraph 4]. Delete two (2) mile limitation between gasoline service stations.
- Section 3-12. Allow two (2) signs totaling twelve (12) square feet for farm stands.
- Section 4-11, Paragraph B-3. Change word "building" to word "structure".
- Section 4-12, Watershed Protection District. Change word "bridge" to word "footbridge".

#### BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to make housekeeping changes to (a) delete temporary use permits, (b) make minimum size of manufactured housing units identical to State requirements, (c) delete limitation

between gasoline service stations, (d) allow two (2) signs totaling twelve (12) square feet for farm stands, (e) change word "building" to "structure", Section 4-11, (f) change word "bridge" to "footbridge", Section 4-12?

YES 613

NO 181

Amendment 2, To add to permitted uses in all Zoning Districts of the Town except the Wetland Conservation District.

"Amateur non-profit sports and recreation uses subject to obtaining Planning Board site approval which may provide at minimum for setbacks, buffers, sanitary facilities, parking and traffic impact. Uses involving motorized recreation vehicles are prohibited. Night lighting may be allowed by the Planning Board when more than 500 feet from any residential use but not after 9:00 p.m."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to: Add amateur non-profit sports and recreation to permitted uses in all Zoning Districts of the town except the Wetland Conservation District?

YES 569

NO 232

Amendment 3, Section 8-5, Affordable Housing. To amend wording of criteria for identifying suitable projects to read:

"5. Where there is no existing dwelling, the net tract area (total parcel minus wetlands) shall be at least one (1) acre and not more than fifteen (15) acres, except in the Northern Rural Zone the net tract area shall be at least ten (10) acres but not more than twenty (20) acres.

6. Where there is an existing dwelling, the net tract area (total parcel less wetlands) shall be at least sufficient to provide a conforming conventional sized lot for the existing dwelling and the maximum net tract area shall be as listed above."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend wording of criteria for identifying suitable affordable housing projects to include criteria for proposals where existing housing is present?

YES 547

NO 213

Amendment 4, To add to permitted uses in the Wetland Conservation District, Section 4-11, Paragraph A, line 8:

"Minimal impact crossing of wetland soils for roads and driveways subject to Planning Board review and approval."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to allow minimal impact crossing of wetland soils for roads and driveways subject to Planning Board review and approval?

YES 529

NO 247

Amendment 5, To amend Section 4-9, Industrial Zone, Paragraph D4 to read:

"No structure shall be constructed to a height greater than thirty-five (35) feet, exclusive of chimneys, cupolas, measured from the lowest adjacent exterior elevation, excepting Industrial structures south of the Boston & Maine Railroad which shall not exceed fifty (50') feet for inhabited and eighty (80') feet for uninhabited structures."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to allow in the Industrial Zone inhabited structures up to fifty (50") feet high, and uninhabited structures up to eighty (80') feet high?

YES 459

NO 307

Amendment 6, To allow State licensed family day care home facilities as permitted uses in the Residential, Rural, Northern Rural, Northern Transitional, Limited Commercial and Commercial zoning districts:

"To allow State licensed family day care home facilities (maximum of six children, including residents) as permitted uses in the Residential, Rural, Northern Rural, Northern Transitional, Limited Commercial and Commercial zoning districts subject to compliance with applicable State and local health and safety ordinances."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to allow State licensed family day care facilities in the Residential, Rural, Northern Rural, Northern Transitional, Limited Commercial and Commercial zoning districts as a permitted use?

YES 562

NO 211

Amendment 7, To amend Section 5-5, Uses Permitted by Special Exception, first paragraph, retaining subparagraphs a, b, and c.

"Multi-unit residential dwelling(s) which comply with the Federal definition of elderly housing."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7 as

proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 5-5, Uses Permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone so that wording of this elderly housing section will comply with the requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Act?

YES 680

NO 97

Amendment 8, Add to Section 3-2, new Paragraph F:

"Existing conforming lots shall not be made non-conforming, and existing non-conforming lots shall not be made more non-conforming by altering lot lines."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to add a new paragraph so that existing lots, both conforming and non-conforming, cannot be made non-conforming or more non-conforming by altering lot lines?

YES 576

NO 165

Amendment 9, Amend Section 4-14, General Office Zone to read:  
"C. Yard and Building Requirements

1. Each new structure shall be set back either fifty (50) or one-hundred (100) feet from the edge of the public road right-of-way.

The fifty (50) foot option requires that a natural vegetation or landscaped area only shall exist between the structure and the highway, exception driveways and permitted signs.

The one-hundred (100) foot option allows parking areas to the front of the structure, which parking areas shall be set back a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the edge of the highway right-of-way.

Any permitted enlargement of pre-existing structures shall be beyond the fifty (50) foot setback line.

On corner lots, parking areas shall be screened from the highway with fences, landscaping and natural vegetation.

2. Each new structure or addition to a structure shall be set back thirty (30) feet from side and rear lot lines.
3. Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscape buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.



4. No structure shall be constructed to a height greater than thirty-five (35) feet, exclusive of chimneys or cupolas, measured from the lowest adjacent exterior elevation.
5. The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of twenty (20%) percent.
6. A minimum of thirty (30%) percent of the area of any lot shall remain landscaped open space and not be utilized for construction (including parking).
7. There shall be no more than one access to any lot wherever desirable for traffic safety and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.
8. All storage and/or equipment parking areas shall be fenced, screened, or otherwise protected from view."

#### BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to amend Yard and Building Requirements of the General Office Zone so that they will be identical to those of the Limited Commercial Zone?

YES 570

NO 147

Amendment 10, To delete entire Section 3-4, Signs and replace with new Section 3-4, Signs.

#### I. DEFINITIONS

Awning Sign: Any visual message incorporated into an awning attached to a building.

Building Inspector: The Zoning Administrator and/or the person responsible for the administration of these provisions.

Business Sign District: Shall include the Industrial, Commercial and Limited Commercial Zones in the Town of Amherst.

Copy-Change Sign: A sign on which the visual message may be periodically changed.

Directional Sign: A sign limited to providing directional or guide information, on the most direct or simple route, on the location of an activity, business or event.

Free-Standing Sign: Any sign not attached or part of any building, but separate and affixed in or upon the ground,



Included are pole signs, pylon signs and masonry wall-type signs.

General Sign District: Shall include the General Office, Residential, Rural, Northern Transitional and Northern Rural Zones in the Town of Amherst.

Illuminated Sign: Any sign illuminated by electricity, gas or other artificial light either from the interior or exterior of the sign, and which includes reflective and phosphorescent light.

Information Sign: A sign, without advertising, designed and intended to convey information about a permitted use to the general public, to convey regulations or restrictions or to otherwise provide needed guidance.

Lineal Building Frontage: The length of a ground level straight line or lines parallel to and equalling the length of the building front that includes the main public entrance(s) or the side of the building fronting on the principal roadway. In the case of a multi-unit development, the frontage of each separate building is additive for the purpose of determining permissible sign area.

Off-Premises Sign: A sign unrelated to a business or a profession conducted, or to a commodity or service sold or offered, upon the premises where such sign is located.

Portable Sign: A sign, whether on its own trailer, wheels, or otherwise, designed to be movable and not attached to the ground, a building, a structure or another sign.

Projecting Sign: A sign that is attached to the building wall or structure and which extends horizontally more than fifteen (15) inches from the plane of such wall, or a sign which is perpendicular to the face of such wall or structure.

Representational Sign: A three-dimensional sign built so as to physically represent the object advertised.

Sign: Any material, structure or device, or part thereof, composed of lettered or pictorial matter that is located out-of-doors, or on the exterior of any building, or indoors as a window sign, displaying an advertisement, announcement, notice or name, and shall include any declaration, demonstration, display, representation, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business or cause.

Sign Directory: A listing of two or more business enterprises, consisting of a matrix and sign components.

Sign Structure: The supports, uprights, bracing and

framework for the sign.

Sign Surface Area: The entire area within a single, continuous perimeter enclosing all elements which form an integral part of the sign. The structure supporting a sign and pole covers or architectural embellishments shall be excluded unless the structure is designed in a way to form an integral background for the display. Both faces of a double-faced sign shall be included as surface or area of such a sign. In the case of a sign consisting of two (2) or more sides where the angle formed between any two (2) or more sides or the projections thereof exceeds thirty (30) degrees, each side shall be considered a separate sign area.

Temporary Sign: A sign having a display duration of no more than thirty (30) days.

Wall Sign: A sign that is painted on or attached to the outside wall of a building with the face of the sign in the plane parallel to such wall, and not extending more than fifteen (15) inches from the face of such wall.

Window Sign: A sign visible from a sidewalk, street or other public place, painted or affixed on glass or other window material, or located inside within two (2) feet of the window, but not including graphics in connection with customary window display of products.

## II. PURPOSE OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE

The purpose of this section of the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance is to provide for reasonable uniformity in the size, treatment and presentation of signs used to call attention to the existence of a business, activity, product or service. This section recognizes the need to protect public health and safety and welfare by reducing conflicting, ambiguous and unnecessary information presented through sign messages and structures, while understanding the need for adequate business identification and advertising. The Town does not want signs in any district to detract from the rural character which the Town, through its adopted Masterplan, has expressed a strong desire to maintain.

## III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Except as otherwise provided, no person shall erect, alter, or relocate any sign without first obtaining a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Subsequent to this initial application, no permit shall be required for a sign to be repainted or repaired provided that the sign is returned to its original design, condition, placement and presentation,

### A. Application Procedure:

Applications shall be made in writing to the Zoning

Administrator on forms prescribed and provided by the Town and shall contain the applicable information requested on that form and accompanying sign specification sheet.

**B. Permit:**

Upon the filing of a completed application for a sign permit and the payment of the required fee, the Zoning Administrator shall examine the plans, specifications and other data submitted and the premises on which the sign is to be erected. If it shall appear that the sign will be in compliance with all the requirements of this local ordinance, he shall then, within thirty (30) days issue a permit for the erection of the proposed sign. The issuance of a permit shall not excuse the applicant from conforming to the other laws and ordinances of the Town or sign master planning provisions.

If the erection of the sign authorized under any such permit has not been completed within two (2) years from the date of issuance, the permit shall become null and void, but may be renewed upon filing of a subsequent completed application and compliance with current requirements.

**C. Exempt Signs (Require No Permit):**

The following types of signs may be erected and maintained without permits or fees, providing such signs comply with the general requirements of this local ordinance and other conditions specifically imposed by all other regulations. No two permitted signs may be combined to create a larger sign,

1. Historical markers, tablets and statues, memorial signs and plaques; names of buildings and dates of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze, stainless steel or similar material; and emblems installed by governmental agencies, religious or non-profit organizations; not exceeding six (6) square feet. Such signs may fall under the regulation of the Historic District Commission and these provisions shall not supersede such requirements.
2. Flags and insignia of any government, except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion.
3. On-premise directional signs for the convenience of the general public, identifying public parking areas, fire zones, entrances and exits and similar signs, not exceeding six (6) square feet per face and six (6) feet in height when included as an integral part of an approved sign masterplan for a development or complex. Business names and personal names shall be allowed, excluding advertising messages.



4. Non-illuminated warning, private drive, posted or no trespassing signs, not exceeding two (2) square feet per face.
5. One (1) on-premise sign, either free-standing or attached, in connection with any residential building in any zoning district, for permitted professional offices or home occupations, not exceeding six (6) square feet and set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the highway right-of-way. Such sign shall state name, street address and vocation only. Illumination shall not produce a direct glare beyond the limits of the property line and shall be mounted on the sign and directed downward.
6. Number and name plates identifying residents, mounted on house, apartment or mailbox, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.
7. Lawn signs identifying residents, with no more than two faces and not exceeding two (2) square feet per face. Such signs are to be non-illuminated except by a light which is an integral part of a lamp post if used as a support, with no advertising message thereon.
8. Private owner merchandise sale signs for garage sales and auctions, not exceeding two (2) square feet for a period not exceeding seven (7) days.
9. Temporary non-illuminated "For Sale", "For Rent", real estate signs and signs of similar nature, concerning the premises upon which the sign is located; in the General Sign District, one sign not exceeding four (4) square feet per side; in the Business Sign District, one sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet setback at least fifteen (15) feet from all property and highway R.O.W. lines. All such signs shall be removed within three (3) days after the sale, lease or rental of the premises. (See Prohibitions, Item 7).
10. Up to two (2) temporary signs for a roadside stand selling agricultural produce in season, providing that such signs do not exceed a total of thirty-two (32) square feet and setback at least fifteen (15) feet from the public right-of-way.
11. Temporary, non-illuminated window signs and posters not exceeding twenty-five (25) percent of the window surface on which the sign(s) is displayed.
12. Holiday decorations, including lighting, are exempt

from the provisions of this local ordinance and may be displayed in any district without a permit.

13. Integral graphics or attached price signs on gasoline pumps at gasoline stations.
14. Decals used to reference authorized services (e.g. credit or bank cards) when not exceeding 144 square inches in total display area per business.
15. Political posters, banners, promotional devices and similar signs, not exceeding four (4) square feet in the General Sign District or sixteen (16) square feet in the Business Sign District, providing:
  - a. Placement shall not exceed thirty (30) days, and all signs must be removed within three (3) days following the election for which they were used.
  - b. The names and addresses of the sponsor and the person responsible for removal are identified on the sign.
  - c. No signs are attached to any trees, shrubs, bushes, traffic control devices, historical markers or placed on private property without the consent of the property owner.

#### D. PROHIBITIONS

These prohibitions shall apply to all signs erected in the Town of Amherst, whether exempted or regulated under this section.

1. No off-premises signs shall be allowed other than as permitted under the provision of an approved sign masterplan.
2. No sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating or moving lights except to show time and temperature.
3. No sign shall impair or cause confusion of vehicular or pedestrian traffic in its design, color, placement or display characteristics. No sign shall impair visibility for the motorist at a street corner or intersection by placement and location within twenty-five (25) feet of the intersection of the street or highway lines.
4. No sign shall consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices.
5. No advertising message shall be extended over more



than one sign placed along a street or highway unless included as an integral part of a sign masterplan.

6. No sign shall be placed within the road, street or intersection right-of-way of the Town or State, except as provided for under off-premise directional signs as part of an approved masterplan.
7. No sign consisting of the message "Sold", "Under Contract" or a similar message, denoting a closed or completed transaction, shall be permitted.
8. No signs shall be attached to fences, trees, utility poles, rocks or other parts of a natural landscape, nor in a position that will obstruct or impair traffic or in any manner create a hazard or disturbance to the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

#### IV. SIGN STANDARDS

##### A. Temporary Signs

Temporary signs are permitted for display for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and not more than two (2) times per year per separated business unit, upon application for and receipt of a temporary sign permit from the Zoning Administrator. All signs of a temporary nature, except as otherwise provided by this local ordinance, shall be permitted for a period not exceeding two (2) weeks prior to the activity or event nor exceeding four (4) days after the activity or event. Such signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in Business Sign District nor eight (8) square feet in General Sign District, nor be attached to fences, trees, utility poles, rocks or other parts of a natural landscape, nor be placed in a position that will obstruct or impair traffic or in any manner create a hazard or disturbance to the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

##### B. Permanent Signs

Within any zoning district, unless otherwise specified, the following permanent signs may be erected, provided however, that this subsection shall not serve to expand the number or area of signs otherwise allowed, and pursuant to the following:

###### 1. Special Cases

- a. A non-illuminated, single-sided real estate development sign, including industrial and commercial development, residential subdivision or

construction sign denoting the architect, engineer and/or contractor, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in Business Sign District nor sixteen (16) square feet in General Sign District, may be erected on property being sold, leased or developed. Such sign shall be erected parallel to the fronting highway, setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from the property line or attached to the building face. Such sign shall be removed upon completion of the project and shall be in place for a period not exceeding two (2) years, renewable for an additional two years, upon filing of a subsequent completed application and payment of the appropriate fee.

- b. Signs or bulletin boards customarily incident to places of worship, libraries, museums, social clubs or societies, may be erected on the premises of such institutions. One (1) such sign or bulletin board not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet may be erected.
- c. For multiple dwellings or apartment developments, one (1) sign identifying the name of the development, located at the entrance of the development, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet.

## 2. Business Sign District

Unless otherwise specified, the following permanent sign provisions shall apply:

- a. The total cumulative area of all signs permitted on any lot shall be two (2) square feet of sign area per lineal foot of building front, but in no case shall exceed eighty (80) square feet, whichever is less, excepting master planned developments. A minimum total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet shall be permitted any lot regardless of building frontage.
- b. The total number of permitted signs on a single business or industrial lot shall not exceed two (2) of which only (1) may be free-standing, excepting master planned developments.
- c. A lot with approved entrances on two public roads shall be permitted a secondary sign, not on the same public road as the principal sign, provided that such sign does not exceed forty (40) square feet, not withstanding (a) and (b) above.
- d. One wall sign shall be permitted each separated business unit, not to exceed 25 square feet per

unit.

### 3. General Sign District

Unless otherwise specified, the following permanent sign provisions shall apply to non-residential uses:

- a. The total number of permitted signs on a single lot shall not exceed two (2) of which only one (1) may be free-standing, excepting masterplanned developments.
- b. The total cumulative area of all signs permitted on such lot shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet, excepting wall signs for multiple tenants/units.
- c. One wall or projecting sign, not to exceed ten (10) square feet per sign, shall be permitted for each separated business unit in the development.

### 4. New Business Signs

A new business, or a business in a new location, awaiting installation of a permanent sign, may utilize a temporary sign for a period of not more than thirty (30) days or until installation of a permanent sign, whichever occurs first. Such sign must meet all appropriate construction standards of the Town. A separate temporary sign permit for such a new business sign shall be required.

### 5. Wall Signs

- a. Wall signs shall not extend beyond the ends or over the top of the walls to which attached, and shall not extend above the level of the second floor of the building.
- b. Wall signs shall not extend more than fifteen (15) inches from the face of the buildings to which attached.
- c. Any part of a sign extending over pedestrian traffic areas shall have a minimum clearance of seven (7) feet, six (6) inches.

### 6. Free-Standing Signs

- a. No free-standing sign shall be located less than fifteen (15) feet from the property line. No free-standing sign may be located less than one hundred (100) feet from any other free-standing sign.
- b. If for any reason the property line is changed at

some future date, any free-standing sign made nonconforming thereby must be relocated within ninety (90) days to conform with the minimum setback requirements to the extent possible.

- c. No free-standing sign shall be more than eighty (80) square feet, except as provided for in an approved sign masterplan.
- d. No free-standing sign shall be more than fifteen (15) feet in height above road level.
- e. No free-standing sign shall extend over or into the public right-of-way, pedestrian walkway or driveway, nor shall it overhang the property lines.

#### 7. Awning Signs

- a. No sign shall project from an awning.
- b. Awning graphics may be painted or affixed flat to the surface of the front or sides, and shall indicate only the name and/or address of the enterprise or premises.
- c. Awning graphics shall be a single line of lettering not exceeding six (6) inches in height, but if over three (3) inches in height, shall be debited against the permitted wall sign surface area.
- d. No awning sign shall be internally illuminated.

#### V. EXISTING SIGNS

##### A. Nonconforming Signs

In the event of a sign lawfully erected prior to the effective date of this ordinance does not conform to the provisions herein, such sign shall meet the following specifications:

- 1. A nonconforming sign shall not be enlarged or replaced by another nonconforming sign.
- 2. Any maintenance, repair or alteration of a nonconforming sign shall not cost more than fifty (50) percent of the current value of the sign as of the date of alteration or repair or such sign shall be made to conform to current provisions,
- 3. No nonconforming sign shall be permitted within a development under a sign masterplan.



## B. Removal of Signs

Any sign, existing on or after the effective date of this ordinance, whether in conformance with this ordinance or not, which no longer advertises an existing business conducted or product sold on the premises upon which such sign is located, shall be removed within fifteen (15) days.

If the Zoning Administrator shall find that any sign regulated in the local ordinance is not used, coded in advertising, is abandoned, unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, the administrator shall give written notice to the named owner of the land upon which it is located, who shall remove or repair the sign within fifteen (15) days from the date of the said time period. The Selectmen shall revoke the permit issued for such sign and may invoke court action. Failure to remove or repair such sign would be considered a violation of this provision.

## VI. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

This section provides guidance and standards for construction of signs requiring permits and shall serve as guidance for the construction of exempt signs. It identifies the specifications needed so that signs are constructed to ensure the community's safety.

### A. General

1. All signs installed after the effective date of this local ordinance shall have attached to the sign, a name plate giving the sign permit number and the name and address of the owner, person or corporation, responsible for the general requirements and maintenance as outlined in this ordinance.
2. All free-standing signs shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind pressure of not less than thirty (30) pounds per square foot of surface area.
3. All signs, including wall-mounted and projecting signs, shall be securely anchored and shall not swing or move in any manner.
4. All signs, sign finishes, supports and electric work shall be kept clean, neatly painted, and free from all hazards, such as, but not limited to, faulty wiring and loose supports, braces, guys, and anchors.
5. All projecting, free-standing or wall signs shall employ acceptable safety material and shall not



constitute a hazard to pedestrian travel or the general public.

6. All signs shall be painted/fabricated in accordance with generally accepted standards.
7. All signs shall be in accordance with the BOCA Code and shall not conflict with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (USDOT/FHWA) or the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101). All electrical wiring of signs shall conform to the National Electrical Code.
8. Underground wiring shall conform to the National Electrical Code.

## VII. DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR SIGN MASTERPLANS

Where groups of three (3) or more contiguous commercial or industrial units are to be located together in a development, or where a lesser number of businesses total not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of gross leasable area, or where three (3) or more individual businesses on contiguous lots so elect, the development may adopt a sign masterplan to govern advertising. The intent of this section is to promote a uniform and aesthetic message presentation that is designed to provide information to the general public through its design and coordination of elements.

### A. General Requirements

Total sign area permitted for the entire development or center shall be calculated at the rate of two (2) square foot of sign per foot of lineal building front. Each master planned development may have one common free-standing sign denoting the name of the facility, not exceeding eighty (80) square feet per side and with bottom panel not less than five (5) feet above road level and a maximum height of fifteen (15) feet. All other signs shall be attached to buildings, a wall, projecting or soffit type, and coordinated in material, shape, lettering, color and/or decorative elements. Information and directional signage, with the exception of uniform traffic control devices, shall be consistent with the general sign design of the development and is exempt from the total sign area calculation provided that it does not contain advertising.

1. Signs shall be designed to be compatible with the surroundings and appropriate to the architectural character of the buildings on which they are placed. Sign panels and graphics should relate with and not cover architectural features, and should be in proportion to them.

2. Signs should be appropriate to the types of activities they represent.
3. Layout should be orderly and graphics should be of simple shape, such as rectangle, circle or oval.
4. The number of colors used should be the minimum consistent with the design and must provide a reference or relationship to the enterprise or activity being advertised.
5. Illumination should be appropriate to the character of the sign and surroundings and shall bear a relationship to the operating hours of the enterprise or activity being advertised.
6. Groups of related signs shall express uniformity, create a harmonious appearance, and provide a visual and aesthetic coordination of the information presented to the public.
7. Height and physical placement shall be consistent throughout the masterplanned area.
8. The sign masterplan, including a site plan, shall be approved by the Planning Board, at a public hearing, and detail placement, design, color coordination, visibility, information messages and compatibility with the general design of the development.
9. Off-premises directional signs for the convenience of the general public and for the purpose of directing persons to a business, activity, service or community facility operating within the Town of Amherst may be erected as part of the Sign masterplan providing such signs do not exceed four (4) square feet per sign nor total more than two (2) such signs per development. Messages shall be limited to name or identification, arrow or direction, and distance. Advertising messages shall be prohibited.

Off-premise directional signs shall be classified as free-standing signs and shall not be placed within 100 feet of another free-standing sign. Illumination is prohibited.

Such signs shall be limited to Major Arterial and Minor Arterial roads as defined in the 1988 Functional Classification System for Amherst Street Network published in the Amherst Street Network published in the Town-Wide Transportation Master Plan. Such signs may be permitted on Collector streets, as defined in the same classification

system, within the Business Sign District.

Sign panels may be made of any conventional weather resistant and rigid sign material acceptable to the Town of Amherst Planning Board. They shall be fully reflectorized and shall be similar to "Engineering Grade" reflective sheeting with respect to color (day and night), brightness, reflectivity and durability as specified in the latest edition of the Manual on Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

The panel shall have white legend on a blue background with a 1/2 inch white border. The legend shall be white and 4-inch minimum "Highway Type" letters, except that nationally, regionally or locally known commercial symbols or trademarks, in their customary colors, may be used when applicable. Sign colors may be coordinated with the development master plan color scheme provided that such a display does not conflict with standardized traffic control devices and is specifically approved by the Planning Board. Nationally recognized approved symbols for services may be incorporated as alternates to word messages. All off-premise sign legends are subject to approval by the Town of Amherst Planning Board and sign placement and installation shall be approved by the Director of Public Works.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Review and Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Administrator relative to the provisions of this local ordinance may appeal such decision, in writing, to the Board of Appeals as provided in the Zoning Regulations and shall comply with all procedural requirements prescribed by such board.

In granting any variance from the provisions of this ordinance, the Board of Appeals must find that the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land or buildings, that granting the variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this ordinance, that such will not be injurious to the neighborhood character or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare, and that denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the applicant.

### B. Violations and Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation, whether as owner, lessee,



agent or employee, who proceeds to erect, re-erect, construct or structurally alter any sign without first applying for and obtaining the necessary permit, or who, in any other way, violates any provision of this local ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and receive punishment as established in the RSA's. Each day's continuous violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

In case of a violation of this local ordinance, the Town and its officers may, in addition to any other remedies specifically conferred by ordinance, institute any appropriate proceedings to prevent unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration or use of any sign not in compliance with this ordinance.

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to delete the existing wording of Section 3-4, Signs, and substitute new wording for Section 3-4, Signs?

YES 483

NO 206

Amendment 11, To amend the Zoning Map for the Route 101A area, so that lots 2-66-1, 62, 59, 57, 56, 54, 52, 51, 50, 48 and 46-1, as shown on posted maps are changed from Industrial to Commercial.

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 11 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map for the Route 101A area so that lots 2-66-1, 62, 59, 57, 56, 54, 52, 51, 50, 48, and 46-1, as shown on posted maps, are removed from the Industrial zone and placed in the Commercial zone?

YES 507

NO 260

Amendment 12, Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

Amendment 13, Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

Amendment 14, To add to the Zoning Ordinance a new Section 3-14, Transfer of Development Rights.

"In order to encourage preservation of open space, farm and forest land and wildlife habitats and in order to retain the rural character of the Town, protect the environment and provide for aesthetic enjoyment of the land for future generations, in accord with the Master Plan of the Town of Amherst and NH RSA Chapter 674:21, and to increase the economic base of the Town without unreasonable impact on existing services, it shall be possible to transfer development rights from one parcel of land to others within the Town of Amherst. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to guarantee that receiving parcels shall be

available for all transferred rights.

The mechanism for determining and transferring development rights is found in the subdivision regulations."

BALLOT QUESTION:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 14 as proposed by the Planning Board to allow a mechanism for Transfer of Development Rights to be placed within the Subdivision Regulations?

YES 436

NO 257

Amendment 15, Add to Section 3-4, Internally Illuminated Signs.

INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the installation and operation of internally illuminated signs within the Town of Amherst, recognizing their value in providing information to the general public and an aid in the advertising of businesses.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Internally illuminated signs shall be permitted in the Business Sign district within the Town of Amherst only when incorporated as an integral part of an approved sign masterplan.
2. The total area of internally illuminated signage shall not exceed 25% of the permitted sign area for the masterplanned development.
3. Internally illuminated signs shall conform to all other applicable provisions of the Town of Amherst sign regulations with respect to design, placement, presentation and other regulated features.
4. Only one internally illuminated sign shall be permitted per physically separated business unit and shall replace another otherwise permitted sign.
5. One free-standing internally illuminated sign shall be permitted per development and shall be equal in all other regulated aspects to the free-standing sign it shall replace excepting for the illuminated area limitation of 25% as in (2) above.
6. The area of the internally illuminated sign shall not exceed the area of the sign it shall replace for the business or development.
7. No internally illuminated sign may be erected within 300 feet of any residential zone within the Town.



**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to permit internally illuminated signs within masterplanned commercial and industrial developments?

YES 436

NO 332

Petition Amendment 1, To establish a "prime wetlands".

To see whether the Town will vote to accept the designation of "Prime Wetlands" undertaken by the Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 482-A:15. Said "Prime Wetlands" being more particularly described and shown on three maps and a report. Said maps are entitled "Stump Pond Prime Wetlands Overlay, Property Map 2", "Stump Pond Prime Wetlands Overlay, Property Map 12", and "Stump Pond Prime Wetlands Overlay, Property Map 13". Said report is entitled "Stump Pond, Amherst & Merrimack, New Hampshire, "What Makes It Special?" Said maps and report, being on display and available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst as proposed by petition to accept the designation of "Prime Wetlands" undertaken by the Conservation Commission? THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.

YES 353

NO 439

Petition Amendment 2, To regulate residential underground fuel storage tanks.

"To see if the Town will vote to include in the Zoning Ordinance regulations to require yearly testing of residential underground fuel storage tanks and to require the removal of such tanks that have been in the ground over twenty years."

**BALLOT QUESTION:**

Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst as proposed by petition to require yearly testing of residential underground fuel storage tanks and to require removal of such tanks that have been in the ground over twenty (20) years? THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.

YES 250

NO 546

MARCH 14, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Robert Schaumann. A prayer was said by Reverend Cahill and the salute to the flag was led by a member of the Girl Scouts. Town officials and Ways and Means Committee members were introduced. Selectman Richard Verrochi welcomed Randall Bragdon as the new member to the Board of Selectmen.

He then introduced Betty Arnold and guests, Arlene and Ronald Sears, who are cousins of Olive Haseltine, who donated 128 acres of land on Austin Road to the Town of Amherst. A proclamation was read honoring Miss Haseltine, who resides in a nursing home in New Jersey.

Mr. Verrochi also honored Mrs. Arnold with a proclamation. At the November 1990 meeting of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, Governor Gregg presented awards to distinguished residents of the State. Mrs. Arnold was presented with an award at that time for her dedication to conservation of land.

Mrs. Jean Crocker, daughter of Dorothy Davis, was introduced. Mrs. Davis had donated six acres of land on Old Mont Vernon Road to the Town.

Mrs. Marion Sortevik, who retired as Town Treasurer after 20 years of service to the Town, was presented an engraved pewter plate.

Mr. John Silva, a former Selectman who was appointed to the Board in December following the resignation of Catherine Cummings, was presented with a frisbee as an indication that should the need arise for a replacement on the Board, that he would be welcomed back. Mr. Silva announced that April 6th would be roadside trash pick-up day and encouraged residents to help in this effort.

Moderator Schaumann introduced Richard Sherwood of the Ways and Means Committee who commented relative to the work of that committee during the preparation of the budget.

The Moderator then explained how he wanted the meeting conducted. He advised that voters would hold up their card, which was given to them upon checking in, to indicate their yes or no vote on any particular article.

There would be no amendments to amendments. One amendment at a time would be considered. Speakers from the floor would be allowed three minutes. There were two microphones, one for those in favor of any article and one for those who wished to express opposition. A motion to call the question would be allowed only after those who were lined up at the microphone had spoken.

No new business would be enacted after 10:45 p.m. unless the meeting voted otherwise. No motion for reconsideration would be accepted after new business had been started. Speakers from the audience would announce their name and address before speaking.

Moderator Schaumann advised that any article being considered on a bond issue must be addressed first.

Selectman Verrochi moved to begin with Article 17 which reads as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire, in the name of the Town, such parcel or parcels of land as the Selectmen in their judgement determine advisable in the forthcoming year and to enter into any agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to accomplish such acquisitions as well as to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 to finance such acquisitions; said sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33) as amended. Said sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or serial notes upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take action relative thereto.

He then moved to reduce the amount requested in the Article to \$500,000 and was seconded. He also requested that we postpone action until April 9, 1991 to discuss Articles 16 and 17 due to the fact that the actual date of the sale of this property had not been set by the bank.

The Moderator explained that the amendment was "shall we delete \$2,000,000 and insert \$500,000". Resident David Lipkin then asked how this would affect Article 16? Article 16 would also be amended to the amount of \$500,000. Other discussion followed. Ways and Means offered no opinion.

The meeting voted to pass the amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone a vote on these Articles to April 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. and passed.

Discussion followed relative to the clean-up of the land, use after purchase, and loss of tax income to the Town. Resident Geneva Merrill advised that the foreclosure sale of the property was not being held until April 15th according to the paper that day. Resident David Lipkin suggested that other properties available might be considered at the recessed meeting. After more discussion, it was voted to recess the meeting to April 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Selectman Verrochi to move Article 16 to be considered next and the motion passed. The Article read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire, in the name of the Town, such

parcel or parcels of land as the Selectmen in their judgement determine advisable in the forthcoming year and to enter into any agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to accomplish such acquisitions as well as to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 to finance such acquisitions or to take action relative thereto.

He also moved to amend the Article to appropriate \$500,000 and this passed. It was also moved to postpone action on this Article to the recessed meeting on April 9th and that also passed.

#### Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Passed with no discussion.

#### Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make application for, receive and expend in the name of the Town, such advances, grants and aids or other funds as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U.S. Government, the State of New Hampshire or from any other State or private agency or person including the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program (R.S.A. 221A) or take action relative thereto.

Passed with no discussion.

#### Article 5.

To raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Selectman Peterman moved the adoption of Article 5. Ways and Means Committee member, Fred Pierce, moved to reduce the budget from \$380,711.00 to \$372,711.00. Residents spoke against this reduction for Town services and the Article was defeated.

Selectman William Overholt explained that the proposed budget under the heading of General Government was \$787,979.00. Ways and Means Committee member, Wally Baird, moved to amend the line item on the Police Department from \$588,090 to \$584,690 by removing the Traffic Aide assigned to the Middle School.

After some discussion the motion was defeated.

A suggestion was made to increase the fees at Baboosic Lake. A "straw vote" was taken and defeated after some discussion.



Ways and Means Committee member, Steve Coughlan, moved to amend the budget of the Zoning Department from \$84,454 to \$73,454 by removing \$11,000 from the salary account because of the reduced workload. After a short discussion, this amendment was defeated.

Library Trustee John Moorhouse moved to reduce the Library budget by \$2,000 from \$223,218 to \$221,218 and this was defeated.

Ways & Means Committee member, Jeff Coffler, moved to cut the operating expense line item of the Library from \$51,618 to \$46,618 by removing \$5,000 from the purchase of books and was defeated.

The Town operating budget of \$3,919,524.00 was passed

#### Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agent.

Selectman Stepanek moved for adoption and was seconded. Passed.

#### Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to fund the engineering required before construction estimate can be brought to the Town Meeting for rebuilding the New Boston Road Bridge near the Mont Vernon town line. The funds for this purpose to be withdrawn from the Bridge Capital Reserve or take action relative thereto.

Selectman Stepanek moved for adoption and was seconded. Passed.

#### Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of completing the replacement of the Bridge on the Horace Greeley Road near the Bedford town line. The funds for this purpose are to be withdrawn from the Bridge Capital Reserve or take action relative thereto.

Selectman Overholt moved for passage and was seconded. Passed.

#### Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000, which will be the first installment of three, to pay the Town's share of the State's upgrade of Route 122 at the Merrimack Road occasioned by the construction of the



new high school or take action relative thereto.

Selectman Overholt moved for passage and was seconded.  
Passed.

#### Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to repair the steeple of the Congregational Church, which is owned by the Town, or take action relative thereto.

Selectman Silva moved for adoption and was seconded.

Ways and Means Committee member, Beverly Morshed recommended waiting until next year because of the current economic times. After some discussion, the Article was passed.

#### Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money equal to 50% of the current use recovery money received by March 1, 1991 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose of land purchase by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

The motion was made by John Silva and seconded to adopt this Article. After some discussion it was passed.

Rogers' Committee member, Robert Heaton, moved that Article 14 be discussed before Article 12 seconded and passed.

#### Article 14 By Petition.

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the immediate repair and renovation of the Bertha Rogers' Estate or take action relative thereto.

Robert Heaton moved for adoption of Article 14 and was seconded. The presentation of the Article by Heaton and Nancy Case was tabled after discussion.

#### Article 12 By Petition.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, under terms and conditions deemed in the best interest of the Town, the Bertha Rogers' house and lot, not to exceed five acres in size, with the balance of the undeveloped land to be held by the Conservation Commission for public use or take action relative thereto.

Motion was made by Selectman John Silva and seconded to adopt Article 12. The Selectmen had different opinions regarding this Article. Discussion followed. A majority of the Ways and Means Committee recommended selling the house with acreage. Many residents spoke either in favor or against

this Article. A hand count was conducted, 99 residents voted for the Article and 125 against. The Article was defeated.

At 11:15 p.m. the voters present decided to continue with the meeting.

Article 14 was then presented again. A motion was made by Robert Heaton to adopt this Article and was seconded. Ways and Means Committee recommended a no vote. Suggestions were made that perhaps an engineer should look over the property and there was not enough information available as to what the actual condition of the property was. Wilson Leatherman moved to table this Article until the next recessed meeting and was seconded. Again a hand count was necessary, the results being 81 in favor of tabling and 73 against.

Article 15 By Petition.

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for future major maintenance expenses of the Bertha Rogers' Estate and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for this purpose or take action relative thereto.

Robert Heaton moved to table Article 15 and was seconded. Tabled.

Article 13 By Petition.

WHEREAS in November 1984 the voters of the State of New Hampshire amended the State Constitution to provide for local property taxpayer protection; and

WHEREAS that 1984 amendment to the State's Constitution known as Part I, Article 28-A states, "the State shall not mandate or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivision unless such programs or responsibilities are fully funded by the State or unless such programs or responsibilities are approved for funding by a vote of the local legislative body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire on April 11, 1990 issued an opinion clarifying the intent of Part I, Article 28-A of the State's Constitution; and

WHEREAS by that opinion the Honorable Supreme Court affirmed the original intent and purpose of the constitutional amendment which was to protect and to expand the cherished principal of local home rule; and

WHEREAS state government has mandated programs, policies and responsibilities have been funded through increased property

taxes; therefore let it be

RESOLVED that the Town of Amherst hereby supports the City of Franklin in its efforts to identify all of the unconstitutionally unfunded mandates imposed by the State since Article 28-A was adopted; to seek relief for those unfunded mandates already in effect, and or to rescind those mandates; and let it be further

RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen officially ask the Governor and Executive Council to assist in identifying the unconstitutional and therefore illegal costs already imposed by the State on local governments; and let it be further

RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen call upon the Governor, the Executive Council and the Legislative leaders of this State to safeguard the home rule provisions in the State Constitution by putting an end to unfunded State programs, policies or responsibilities, and by declaring their full support for the City of Franklin and other local communities; and let it be further

RESOLVED that by supporting this resolution we do not encourage or support any "Broadbase" sales or income tax; and let it be further

RESOLVED that the Town shall contribute Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the New Hampshire Property Taxpayer's Defense Fund of Franklin in care of the Mayor of Franklin, City Hall, Franklin, NH 03235.

Motion was made by Paula Trombi and seconded to adopt this Article. Passed.

At 11:40 p.m. Selectman Verrochi moved to recess the meeting to April 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded and passed.

NANCY A. DEMERS  
Town Clerk

# BUDGET AS VOTED AT TOWN MEETING 1991

## General Government:

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 73,070.00
Town Office Expense	229,991.00
Town Buildings	79,548.00
Town Hall	0.00
Police Rescue	0.00
Rogers' House	0.00
Elections	3,400.00
Legal	60,000.00
Insurance	380,711.00
Maps & Survey	800.00
Trust Fund Management	0.00
Assessing	71,416.00
Firemen Retirement	0.00
Police Retirement	30,439.00
Social Security	79,173.00
Employee Retirement	24,187.00
Tree Committee	725.00
Conservation	1,400.00
Contingency	30,000.00
Total	1,064,860.00

## Public Safety:

Police	588,090.00
Fire	125,679.00
Police Special Duty	25,000.00
Dog Officer	10,742.00
Civil Preparedness	2,700.00
Ambulance	24,168.00
Hydrant Rental	7,600.00
Total	783,979.00

## Health & Welfare:

Health Officer	1,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	6,500.00
St. Joseph's Elderly	1,200.00
Souhegan Handicapped	3,000.00
Nashua Mental Health	2,984.00
Milford Counseling	3,000.00
Nashua Mediation	560.00
Town Welfare	95,000.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00
Juvenile Poor	0.00
Total	116,744.00

## Highway:

General Expense	122,799.00
Street Lights	17,876.00
Oiling	69,027.00
Summer Maintenance	80,869.00
Winter Maintenance	221,756.00
Road Improvements	37,800.00

Highway Continued:	
Parks	14,895.00
Cemeteries	15,085.00
Highway Subsidy	151,972.00
Landfill	61,140.00
Total	793,219.00
Recreation & Culture:	
Recreation	125,758.00
Baboosic	25,905.00
Adult Education	0.00
Memorial Day	700.00
July 4th	3,000.00
Total	155,363.00
Planning & Zoning:	
Regional Planning	13,260.00
Planning	5,250.00
Board of Adjustment	3,200.00
Zoning	84,454.00
Total	106,164.00
Debt Service:	
Payment on Debt	45,000.00
Interest on Debt	53,966.00
Total	98,966.00
Capital Reserves:	
Fire Truck	50,000.00
Grader	0.00
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00
Highway Equipment	16,125.00
Highway Vehicle	20,000.00
Total	96,125.00
Library:	
Wages	171,600.00
Operating Expenses	51,618.00
Total	223,218.00
Transfers Out:	
Communications Center	87,895.00
Souhegan Landfill	392,991.00
Total	480,886.00
Article 7 New Boston Rd. Bridge-Engineering	6,500.00
Article 8 Replace Horace Greeley Rd. Bridge	40,000.00
Article 9 Upgrade of Route 122/Merrimack Rd. 1st of 3 Installments to State	17,000.00
Article 10 Congo Church Steeple Repair	15,000.00
Article 11 Conservation	5,393.00
Article 13 Franklin, NH Tax Defense Fund	500.00
Article 14 Rogers' Estate-Repairs	35,000.00
Grand Total	\$4,038,917.00



## SYNOPSIS OF RECESSED TOWN MEETING

April 9, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Robert Schaumann.

Selectmen Stephen Stepanek moved to recess the meeting until May 20, 1991 because the bank had moved the date of the auction regarding the land on Chestnut Hill until April 15th. The Selectmen would be negotiating with the bank as to a bid for the property and would have further information by May 20th.

Regarding the Bertha Rogers' Estate on Green Road, the Selectmen are waiting for the committee to give a report regarding the costs of renovation and that report was not ready. The motion was made and seconded to table this article until May 20th and was not debatable. The motion passed.

Some discussion followed regarding the land purchase.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

## SYNOPSIS OF RECESSED TOWN MEETING

May 20, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Moderator Robert Schaumann. He announced that two meetings would be held this night, a recessed meeting and a Special Town Meeting immediately after regarding some small parcels of land at Baboosic Lake.

Selectman Marilyn Peterman introduced the other members of the Board. The Ways & Means Committee was introduced. Moderator Schaumann explained the responsibility of that committee advising there are eleven full time members and two alternates appointed by the Moderator. This committee reviews the Town budget during the six months prior to Town Meeting and makes its recommendations to the meeting in March. The Moderator invited volunteers to work on this committee.

Prior to discussing Petition Article 14, Tracey Turner spoke regarding the Bertha Rogers' Estate on Green Road. She proposed that a seven member commission be established to manage, conserve, and oversee the Bertha Rogers' property and that commission would be appointed by the Selectmen. She compared the Lamson Farm in Mont Vernon which is set up the same way and advised it was very successful. The Bertha Rogers' Committee was requesting a non-binding straw vote regarding the establishment of this commission. If approved

in the straw vote, an act of the State Legislature would be required. After some discussion regarding money that may be requested at future Town Meetings and other concerns, the straw vote was taken. There were 55 people in favor of the new commission and 94 against. The proposal was, therefore, defeated.

#### Article 14 By Petition,

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the immediate repair and renovation of the Bertha Rogers' Estate or take action relative thereto.

Louise Marley moved for adoption of this article and was seconded. Thomas Sommers, Town Engineer, explained what the costs would be to improve the property. He said that it would cost \$89,000 to do all the necessary upgrades that the property needs at this time. The question was asked as to what the figure of \$30,000, indicated in the article, would pay for. Selectman Overholt said that it would cover the cost of lead paint removal and replacement of the oil tank. The Engineer recommended a \$5,000 contingency also. A suggestion was made to sell a parcel of the land to pay for these improvements but Town counsel advised that no land could be sold unless a warrant article had been posted regarding this. More debate followed relative to water tests, radon tests, and insurance liability.

Selectman Peterman moved to amend the amount in the article to \$51,000 and was seconded. This would cover repairs to the barn \$16,200, repairs to the house including the oil tank \$16,700, and lead paint removal \$18,000. William Drescher, Town Counsel, advised the two major problems are the lead paint and the oil tank repairs. After more discussion, a vote was taken and the amendment of appropriating \$51,000 failed.

Selectman Richard Verrochi moved to amend the amount in the article to \$35,000 for a minimum upgrade of the property, mainly the lead paint removal and repairs to the oil tank. Article 14 passed as amended.

#### Article 15 By Petition.

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for future major maintenance expenses of the Bertha Rogers' Estate and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for this purpose or take action relative thereto.

Robert Brown moved for passage of this article and was seconded. This article was defeated with no discussion.

#### Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to

acquire, in the name of the Town, such parcel or parcels of land as the Selectmen in their judgement determine advisable in the forthcoming year and to enter into any agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to accomplish such acquisitions as well as to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 to finance such acquisitions or to take action relative thereto.

The motion was made by Selectman Peterman to withdraw this article and was seconded. Selectman Verrochi explained that the Board made an attempt to give the voters a choice to purchase the land known as North Amherst Farms on Chestnut Hill Road. However, the bank decided they wanted to market the land on a nationwide basis. The bank was reluctant to make a commitment to the Town relative to a price. The Board did submit an offer but the bank was not ready to sell the property. According to Moderator Schaumann, the motion was not debatable and passed.

#### Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire, in the name of the Town, such parcel or parcels of land as the Selectmen in their judgement determine advisable in the forthcoming year and to enter into any agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to accomplish such acquisitions as well as to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 to finance such acquisitions; said sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33) as amended. Said sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or serial notes upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take action relative thereto.

Selectman Peterman made a motion to withdraw this article and was seconded and passed.

Richard Sherwood, representing the Ways & Means Committee offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen is directed to study the problem of high medical and dental insurance costs, and to make recommendations for methods of reducing these costs to the taxpayer. Reductions may be effected by the use of annual deductibles, by co-insurance, by co-payment of insurance premiums, by a change of carriers, or by a combination of these measures.

The optimum result to be achieved would involve a single policy with a single carrier, covering not only Town but also School employees.

This passed with no discussion, however, Selectman Overholt said they always look into insurance costs during the

preparation of the budget.

A motion was made by Peter Hansen and seconded to adjourn the recessed meeting with all in favor. There were 152 voters checked in.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 20, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m. by Moderator Schaumann.

Article 1.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to enter into an agreement to convey, and to the convey all or any part of lots No. 77 and No. 61 East Side Drive Baboosic Lake on Tax Map 24 on any condition and fashion they deem to be appropriate and further to execute any and all decisions necessary to accomplish this or take action relative thereto.

Selectman William Overholt moved for passage of this article. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The Board advised that the land in question had been obtained by tax title in the early 1950's. Subsequent subdivision handled by Merrimack, resulted in sale of lots which were partly in Amherst and partly in Merrimack. A re-survey of the area was undertaken and new maps drawn. The Selectmen seek to correct the outstanding errors by legally transferring the property owned by Amherst to the people whose homes are affected. Some additional property taxes would be realized but the amount is not significant. It is, however, imperative to correct the problem now that it has become known, to allow for future sales which may take place. The motion passed.

Town Administrator, Barbara Landry, then spoke regarding the resolution, proposed by the Ways & Means Committee previously discussed in the recessed Town Meeting referencing insurance for Town employees. She said that when she had read of this proposal in the paper, she called Mr. Sherwood and that he had told her this would not be an issue at this meeting. She said she had assured the 41 Town employees this would not be discussed, that the Town employees had taken a beating on their insurance this year. She has worked for the Town for 35 years and now was offering her resignation. Mr. Sherwood said there had been a misunderstanding, however, Mrs. Landry left the meeting. Selectman Overholt then spoke of the dedication of the Town employees and their cooperation during this past year regarding the budget.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and passed.

NANCY A. DEMERS, Town Clerk



## AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT REPORT

The past year has been most active with a concerted effort to complete the meter replacement program. All but twenty installations have been completed, with the remaining meters to be installed in early 1992. John Hanlon and Nancy Topliffe have done their usual excellent jobs in maintaining and guiding the smooth operation of the system. There were no service interruptions or curtailments during the year.

Our quest to provide the badly needed back-up water supply has taken a notable change in direction with the Pennichuck Water Company's decision to enter into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase the Amherst franchise area presently held by the Southern New Hampshire Water Company. This franchise area contains the section the A.V.D. has been seeking to obtain through efforts at the N.H. Public Utilities Commission for the last several years. The A.V.D. Commissioners have agreed that it would not be in the best interests of the Town residents living in the franchise area to continue our efforts in taking by eminent domain the area we have previously sought.

Therefore, the search for a back-up supply must be re-evaluated. The options we have at this time are:

1. Develop a second well utilizing the existing test well located on District property in the same aquifer.
2. Connect to the Milford system at A.V.D. expense.
3. Connect to the Pennichuck system at A.V.D. expense.
4. Sell the A.V.D. system to Pennichuck and have them install the interconnecting pipeline at their expense.
5. Continue litigation to acquire a portion of Southern New Hampshire's Amherst franchise.
6. Do nothing at this time.

A hearing on this topic is scheduled for March 24, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. This date was chosen so that the results of the regular Town Meeting's vote on Pennichuck fire protection charges will be known. For the record, the Commissioners urge you to vote in favor of having the whole Town pay for Pennichuck fire protection, just as the whole Town has always paid the Amherst Village District for fire protection.

All Village District members are strongly encouraged to attend and make their opinions known.

The Amherst Village District Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. This date has been selected to allow time to prepare a Warrant and Budget based upon information gathered at the March meeting.



Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1991

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Name of Bride and Groom</u>	<u>Name of Officiant</u>
Jan. 1, Lyndeborough	Maureen A. Donahue Anthony G. Staiti	Grace M. Vergato Justice of the Peace
Jan. 5, Milford	Ann M. Foster Ronald J. Houle	Richard B. Thompson Clergyman
Jan. 25, Kingston	Kylene Goodrow Shawn T. Pratt	Richard J. Rondeau Justice of the Peace
Feb. 16, Amherst	Valerie J. Bogan Daniel A. Lindsay	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Mar. 23, Amherst	Nancy L. Tarpley Thomas E. Bamberger	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
Apr. 1, Dunbarton	Deborah G. Lambert George W. Brown	Emily B. Geoghegan Clergyman
Apr. 6, Amherst	Kristin S. Fretwell Kenneth H. Tyrrell	Judith P. McLeod Justice of the peace
Apr. 27, Amherst	Elaine N. Hill Robert T. Wells	Natalie B. Manor Justice of the Peace
Apr. 28, Merrimack	Nancy E. Horlick Brian C. O'Connell	Thomas E. Furlong Clergyman
May 4, Amherst	Diane L. Bryett James A. Nigro	Katherine J. Lalos Justice of the Peace
May 5, Merrimack	Nancy A. Gaskill Joseph W. Luongo	Jeffrey B. Kress Clergyman
May 11, Merrimack	Madeline C. Lescatre Daniel C. Jarry	Donald Lafond Clergyman
May 18, Nashua	Helen L. Turcotte Matt C. Guidmore	John M. Grace Clergyman
May 25, Milford	Alice E. Townsend Sean A. MacGregor	Richard Thompson Clergyman
May 26, Amherst	Gwendolyn Niedrach Richard H. Jefferson	Sareen B. Sarna Justice of the Peace
June 1, Amherst	Shari A. Cross Francis G. Milne, IV	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
June 8, Milford	Maura I. Gagnon James W. Toth	Martin T. Kelley Clergyman
June 15, Nashua	Susan J. Braselmann Richard A. Carpenter	Joanne H. Laychak Justice of the Peace

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Name of Bride and Groom</u>	<u>Name of Officiant</u>
June 15, Milford	Michele A. McNamara Richard A. Morin, Jr.	Richard B. Thompson Clergyman
June 22, Goffstown	Joanna M. Turner Kenneth J. Bisceglia	Christopher Senk Clergyman
June 22, Amherst	Cornelia C. Kenyon Truman W. Craine	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
June 22, Amherst	Jill Masten Joseph Iuliano	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
June 22, Bedford	Maureen F. Hanna David J. Lenane, Jr.	Francis Gasparik Clergyman
June 22, Milford	Janet L. Thatcher Jeffrey M. Silva	Roy G. Smith Clergyman
June 29, Rindge	Linda A. Burne Tod G. Leedberg	David L. Forry Clergyman
June 29, Amherst	Jane E. Pascutti Patrick S. Smith	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
June 29, Amherst	Cheryl L. Milanette David D. Vitek	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
July 14, Amherst	Susan E. Jaskilka Leif A.R. Staretorp	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
July 20, Milford	Marilyn J. Cofske John G. Bachman	William C. Lutz Clergyman
July 27, Nashua	Yvonne E. Forlenza Mark D. Kuhn	Martin J. Harman Justice of the Peace
Aug. 3, Nashua	Robin M. Patenaude Michael J. O'Rourke	Edward A. Koonz Clergyman
Aug. 9, Rindge	Laura V. Belmont John M. Noble	David L. Forry Clergyman
Aug. 10, Milford	Dawn M. Barbour David M. Longval	Roy G. Smith Clergyman
Aug. 24, Milford	Molly A. MacPherson Vincent M. Anfuso	Gerard A. Boucher Clergyman
Aug. 24, Manchester	Kathleen M. Kushi Ray C. Carter, Jr.	Paul Montminy Clergyman
Aug. 24, Amherst	Jane H. Parratt Edward J. Hanlon	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
Aug. 31, Merrimack	Linda A. Stofanak Richard F. Riley, Jr.	Natalie B. Manor Justice of the Peace

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Name of Bride and Groom</u>	<u>Name of Officiant</u>
Sept. 7, Manchester	Theresa Demers Charles F. Finefrock, III	John P. Potter Clergyman
Sept. 14, East Hebron	Lisa S. Tanen Mark R. LaFontaine	Robert F. Cole Clergyman
Sept. 14, Weare	Elizabeth O. Dishong John R. Maki	Terry M. Knowles Justice of the Peace
Sept. 21, Bedford	Margaret A. Beigel Ward C. Bennett	C.J. Coggin Clergyman
Sept. 21, Milford	Paula M. Spezzaferri Craig C. Moore	Richard B. Thompson Clergyman
Oct. 4, Merrimack	Joanne M. Guillette Robert G. O'Leary	Robert E. Gorsky Clergyman
Oct. 5, Nashua	Christine A. Hodge Brett R. Wright	Francis Spencer Clergyman
Oct. 5, Milford	Cheryl A. Fuller Mark C. Forster	Richard B. Thompson Clergyman
Oct. 11, Amherst	Susan M. Fink Philip D. Kingman	Craig S. Milco Clergyman
Oct. 13, Rindge	Catherine A. McCarthy David R. Gombas	David L. Forry Clergyman
Oct. 28, Nashua	Mary L. Fredrickson Dwinell D. Bartlett	Deborah R. McCaffery Justice of the Peace
Nov. 8, Milford	Cheryl A. Knight William M. Chittenden	Huntley Halvorson Clergyman
Nov. 16, Milford	Robin M. Beaumont Robert R. L'Homme	William C. Lutz Clergyman
Nov. 21, Amherst	Susan A. Martineau J. Allen Brown	R. Karen Walker Justice of the Peace
Nov. 30, Plymouth	Margo M. Berg Sean P. Lalley	Robert F. Cole Clergyman
Dec. 11, Nashua	Sally Jo Eichman Edward J. Eichman	Loren H. Rossen Justice of the Peace
Dec. 21, Wilton	Amy M. Hordon John K.C. Sawers	William Keefe Justice of the Peace
Dec. 28, Nashua	Sheryl L. Giguere George A. Francoeur	Deborah R. McCaffery Justice of the Peace
Dec. 28, Greenfield	Susan L. Salisbury Richard T. Gilbert	F. Daniel Osgood Clergyman

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1991

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
<u>1990</u>			
Dec. 31, Manchester	Frederick R. Pierce	Frederick H. Pierce	Kristene K. Pierce
<u>1991</u>			
Jan. 9, Manchester	Edison D. Huff	Edwin D. Huff	Elsa Kam-Lum
Jan. 14, Nashua	Gwendolyn E. Utz	David H. Utz	Kathryn E. Utz
Jan. 17, Nashua	Alexander M. Mann	Paul W. Mann	Laurie V. Mann
Feb. 9, Nashua	Steven J. Bailey	Paul J. Bailey	Ann E. Bailey
Feb. 12, Manchester	Kiernan S. Palmer	Coleman R. Palmer	Shelley M. Palmer
Feb. 22, Concord	Eric P.J.J. Schinler	Michael A. Schindler	Elizabeth M. Schindler
Feb. 24, Nashua	Stephen J. Reichheld	Stephen J. Reichheld, Sr.	Deborah A. Reichheld
Mar. 10, Manchester	John N. Coleman	James W. Coleman	Sheri E. Coleman
Mar. 13, Nashua	Haley E. Currier	Barry G. Currier	Elizabeth M. Currier
Mar. 16, Manchester	Victoria E.F. Valdez	Dwight R. Valdez	Eileen L. Valdez
Mar. 17, Nashua	Lars R. Carlson	Gar R. Carlson	Zoe Ann Carlson
Mar. 20, Manchester	Matthew P. Johnson	David M. Johnson	Carole P. Johnson
Mar. 20, Nashua	Dylan R. Schulze	Glynn W. Schulze	Elaine P. Schulze
Mar. 22, Nashua	Evan F. Green	Bruce R. Green	Cynthia W. Green
Apr. 4, Nashua	Lauren P. Marcucci	Carl M. Marcucci	Christine Marcucci
Apr. 9, Manchester	John S. Barnes, III	Warren S. Barnes, Jr.	Jane M. Barnes
Apr. 10, Nashua	Jacob D. Siwik	James C. Siwik	Linda Siwik
Apr. 15, Nashua	Justin D. Chamberland	Daniel B. Chamberland	Mona M. Chamberland
Apr. 17, Nashua	Chase M. Hefflefinger	Carl J. Hefflefinger	Robin L. Hefflefinger
May 1, Nashua	Kimberly E. Glover	Frederick S. Glover	Barbara J. Glover
May 3, Nashua	Tyler R. Sweed	Robert R. Sweed	Susan Sweed
May 7, Nashua	Thomas E. Indelicato	Thomas A. Indelicato	Mary E.T. Indelicato
May 10, Nashua	Ian J. Gamble	James H. Gamble, Jr.	Nancy J. Gamble
May 16, Nashua	Stephanie A. O'Rourke	Timothy J. O'Rourke	Elise J. O'Rourke
May 24, Manchester	Colin M. Fredette	Mark G. Fredette	Kelly L. Fredette
June 5, Nashua	Jeremy P. McGuire	Charles F. McGuire	Rebecca A. McGuire
June 9, Nashua	Lauren E. Fokas	Christopher J. Fokas	Margaret M. Fokas
June 18, Nashua	Lee A. Avery	Richard A. Avery	Mary Ann T. Blasi Avery
June 23, Manchester	Daniel M. White	Leo D. White	Amy D. White
June 24, Peterborough	Robin E. Lothian	Matthew E. Lothian	Laura M. Lothian
June 28, Peterborough	Elizabeth G. Boskee	David E. Boskee	Lydia Greene
July 2, Nashua	Cassandra J. Stepanek	Stephen B. Stepanek	Barbara P. Stepanek
July 3, Nashua	Jaclyn S. McKenney	Robert V. McKenney	Susan L. McKenney
July 4, Nashua	Alexander J. Rutledge	Wesley N. Rutledge	Nanette L. Rutledge
July 5, Nashua	Kelly J. Schwendeman	Daniel R. Schwendeman	Patti E. Schwendeman

<u>Date and Place</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
July 7, Nashua	Celine R. Calaguitro	Francis R. Calaguitro	Robin I. Calaguitro
July 9, Manchester	Delaney S. Brault	Arthur L. Brault	Joan McDonagh-Brault
July 12, Nashua	Matthew H. Osborn	Jason W. Osborn	Karen G. Osborn
July 18, Manchester	Alexander P. Lyon	Peter A. Lyon	Elizabeth R. Lyon
July 18, Nashua	Joel N. Gerson	Daniel M. Gerson	Linda E. Gerson
July 28, Nashua	Scott G. Crement	Donald L. Crement	Rachel C. Crement
Aug. 2, Nashua	Landon P. Campbell	Ronald P. Campbell	Lisa M. Campbell
Aug. 20, Manchester	Joseph C. Savarese, Jr.	Joseph C. Savarese, Sr.	Cathy-Ann Savarese
Aug. 23, Nashua	Jonathan K. Adams	Dale A. Adams	Sandra A. Adams
Aug. 24, Nashua	Melanie A. Brayman	Jules J. Brayman	Wendy L. Brayman
Aug. 30, Nashua	Alexandra N. Severini	John H. Severini	Nancy L. Severini
Sept. 7, Nashua	Courtney P. Mitterling	Roger C. Mitterling	Kimberly A. Mitterling
Sept. 7, Nashua	David C. Mitterling	Roger C. Mitterling	Kimberly A. Mitterling
Sept. 8, Nashua	Daniel J. Rider	John F. Rider	Diane Rider
Sept. 10, Nashua	Brianna L. Johnson	Gregory J. Johnson	Kathleen A. Johnson
Sept. 12, Nashua	Courtney B. Susalka	Craig A. Susalka	Debi A. Susalka
Sept. 14, Nashua	Daniel R. Johnson	Richard E. Johnson	Cynthia J. Johnson
Sept. 14, Nashua	Meredith L. Lockwood	James W. Lockwood	Mary K. Lockwood
Sept. 20, Nashua	Kimberly W. Thatcher	James R. Thatcher	Nancy P. Price-Thatcher
Sept. 24, Nashua	Hannah N. Cahill	Michael P. Cahill	Charlene M. Cahill
Sept. 26, Manchester	Jamie Baker	James M. Baker	Jean M. Baker
Oct. 3, Peterborough	Kendall M. Knight	Bradford A. Knight	Karin M. Knight
Oct. 14, Nashua	Brandon T. Lyon	Gary W. A. Lyon	Pamela E. Lyon
Oct. 17, Manchester	Jacqueline A. Brew	Dwight H. Brew	Caroline F. Brew
Oct. 25, Manchester	Baby Boy Hill	Robert W. Hill	Maidi A. Hill
Nov. 8, New London	Stephen M. Couturier	Michael N. Couturier	Kristy L. Couturier
Nov. 14, Peterborough	Andrew J. Harris	James R. Harris	Margaret M. Harris
Nov. 21, Nashua	Thomas R. Ledoux	Keith J. Ledoux	Susan E. Ledoux
Dec. 1, Nashua	Natalie C. Babich	Gregory C. Babich	Linda A. Babich
Dec. 14, Nashua	Danielle E. Cianci	Michael S. Cianci	Elizabeth A. Cianci
Dec. 20, Nashua	Victoria J. Patt	Jonathan E. Patt	Susan R. Patt
Dec. 26, Nashua	Melissa R. Capps	Charles J. Capps	Karen W. Capps



Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1991

<u>Date and Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
Jan. 11, Amherst	David S. Jeffs	70	Harry Jeffs	Daisey Scott
Feb. 28, Nashua	Donald J. Buckley, Sr.	78	Peter Buckley	Cecilia Walsh
Mar. 3, Manchester	Edward Arthur Clifford Peck	95	Thomas Arthur Harry Peck	Barbara Fleming
Mar. 14, Amherst	Walter D. Gill	70	Harry Peck	Edna Knowlton
Mar. 19, Manchester	Richard E. Infantine	62	Flem Gill	Henryetta Saunders
Apr. 2, Manchester	John T. Osborn, Jr.	60	William Infantine	Lena La Duke
Apr. 15, Nashua	Paul A. Goodwin	61	John T. Osborn, Sr.	Ina C. Joseph
May 12, Amherst	Douglas C. Hall	71	Hooper R. Goodwin	Elsie Roscoe
May 24, Nashua	Mary F. Hasteley	34	Carroll W. Hall, Jr.	Cecile Parent
May 24, Milford	Ruth S. Tuttle	69	Rocco Riccetelli	Concetta Grugnale
May 26, Nashua	Ettore Ferrari	76	Lawrence Smith	Bertha Danforth
May 27, Amherst	Robert V. Moore	91	Giovanni Ferrari	Matilde Zermani
June 18, Milford	Leonid Haydamaka	17	Robert C. Moore	Judith Gervais
June 26, Amherst	Lona P. Craig	93	George Haydamaka	Barbara (Unknown)
July 31, Milford	Francis X. Meehan	86	Silas Craig	Delilah Sharp
Aug. 4, Nashua	John H. Hallowell	65	Charles E. Meehan	Rose Quinn
Aug. 6, Manchester	Antonio Gatto	77	Harold A. Hallowell	Blanche Williams
Oct. 21, Milford	Albert H. Junkins	75	Bartolo Gatto	Rose Aveni
Oct. 27, Milford	Patricia H. Marra	80	Henry A. Junkins	Clara A. Hills
Nov. 8, Manchester	Lindsey N. Ripley, Jr.	53	Joseph F. Gagliardi	Eleanor Burke
Dec. 27, Amherst	Ray K. Stevens	62	Lindsey N. Ripley, Sr.	Alice Stort
Dec. 31, Nashua		90	Willie J. Stevens	Lillian M. Fish

<u>Date and Place of Death</u>	<u>Brought from Away and Buried in Amherst</u>		
	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Name of Cemetery</u>
<u>1990</u>			
Jan. 29, Manchester	Richard A. Caswell	65	Meadowview
<u>1991</u>			
Jan. 19, Milford	Eva I. Levesque	70	St. Patrick's
Jan. 22, New Haven, Ct.	Charlotte C. Morgan	64	Meadowview
Jan. 27, Nashua	C. Clark Stewart	66	Meadowview
Jan. 27, W. Palm Beach, Fl.	Florence C. Hyde	81	Meadowview
Feb. 9, Hampton	Pauline S. Stimson	102	Meadowview
Feb. 17, Manchester	Eileen B. McIntee	63	St. Patrick's
Feb. 18, Portsmouth	Glady's B. Sprague	88	Meadowview
Feb. 25, Milford	Elsie C. Ward	76	Meadowview
June 27, Boston, Ma.	William Laurendeau	90	Meadowview
Aug. 22, Nashua	Catherine T. Smith	62	St. Patrick's
Aug. 24, Milford	Doris L. Weston	94	Meadowview
Oct. 25, Nashua	Elizabeth V. O'Leary	81	St. Patrick's
Nov. 6, Manchester	Norman J. Bisson	73	Cricket Corner
Nov. 20, Concord, Ma.	Stephen J. Goodie	34	St. Patrick's











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